

# **William Stanley Hall and Rubey Della Cook**

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Stanley and Rubey are my parents. Both were born in Oklahoma less than 10 years after statehood when people traveled via horse and buggy. They witnessed massive changes in technology that put telephones in every house and people on the moon. This is their story based on available information in 2024.





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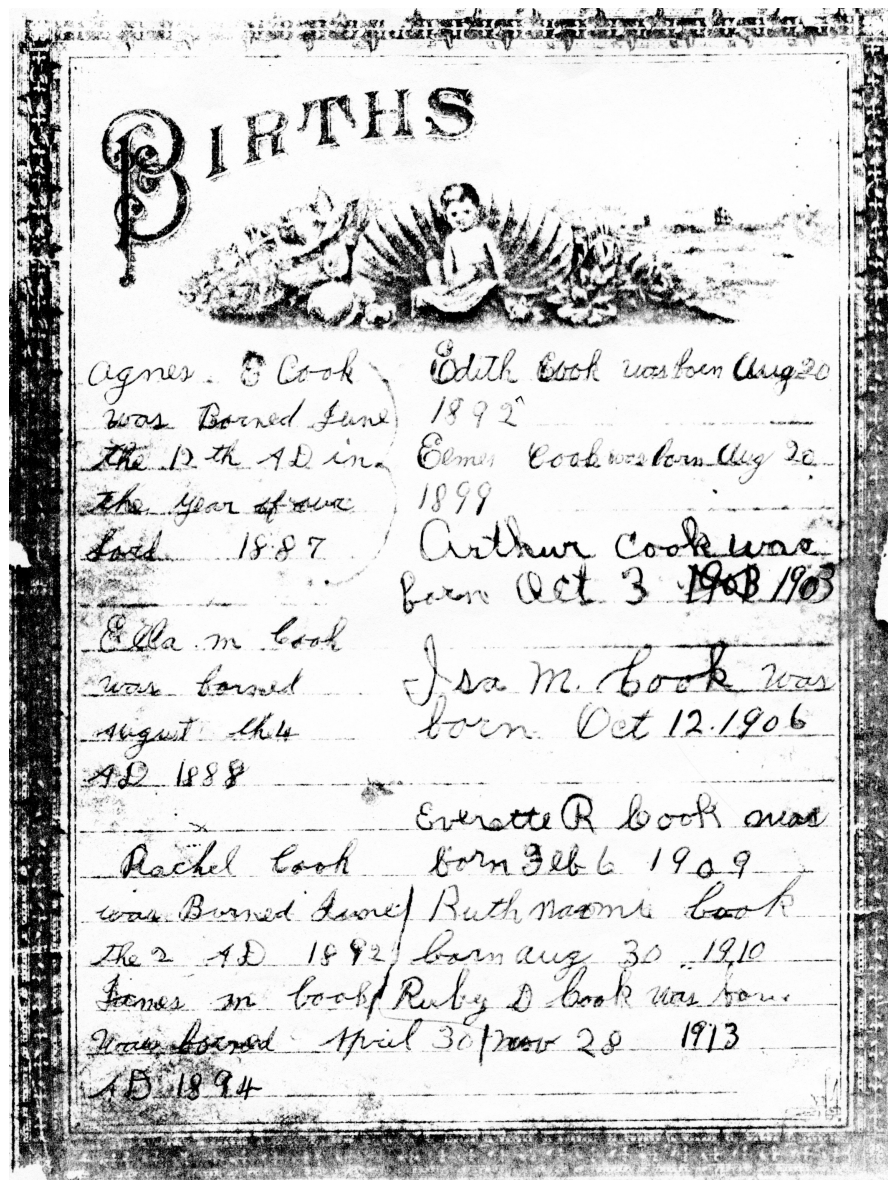


## Birth and Childhood

### Rubey's Birth

Rubey was born on Cook Creek in a rock house that her father acquired in trade for another farm south of Fort Cobb in 1912. She was born on November 28, 1913, the day after Thanksgiving, daughter to William Moses Cook and Mary Rosa Ann [Read/Suggs] Cook.<sup>1</sup>

The rock house was located across the road just south of Camp George Thomas near



**Figure 1: Cook/Suggs Bible Record, Births**

Boone, Oklahoma. The house must have been cold in late November when she was born. Rubey's brother, Evert, described his mother's efforts to keep the house warm, "The walls were covered with newspaper, stuck on with flour paste. [Rubey's mother] stuffed rags in the cracks around the windows with a case knife to keep out the cold wind in the winter."<sup>2</sup>

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According to Rubey's brother, Evert, "Boone township was named after Albert Boone, a grandson of Daniel Boone, Kentucky frontiersman. Albert Boone worked out of the Indian Agency at Anadarko and was agent for Kiowa-Apache Indians that had their main camp in the bend of Da-Ha creek where Boone School now stands. These were his Indians and his township, consequently they named this Boone Township after Albert Boone."<sup>3</sup> I found no evidence of Albert Boone between 1890 and 1910. When the townships were announced by the County board of Commissioners in October 1901, four out of eleven were named after specific people but the article didn't say why they picked Boone.<sup>4</sup>



**Figure 2: Map Showing Rubey's Birthplace**

Rubey's family is a little complicated. Her mother's first husband, Lewis Ellsworth Suggs, died in 1900 leaving Rosa with four small children, all daughters, between the ages of 1 and 8 years old.<sup>5</sup>

1. Myrtle May, 5 May 1892-10 Apr 1981
2. Eva, 12 Nov 1894-27 Aug 1977
3. Iva Gertrude, 14 Dec 1895-22 Sep 1965
4. Ida Lee, 4 Dec 1899-29 Mar 1918

Rubey's father was also married before. His first wife, Laura McCall, died in 1902 leaving him with five children, three daughters and two sons, between the ages of 4 and 12.<sup>6</sup>

1. Agnes E., 12 Jun 1887-10 Dec 1902
2. Ella May, 4 Aug 1888-23 May 1969
3. Rachel, 1893 or 1897-1899
4. James Moses, 30 Apr 1894-28 May 1979
5. Edith Pearl, 20 Aug 1897-8 Dec 1971
6. Elmer William, 20 Aug 1898-3 Apr 1961

One of Bill & Laura's daughters, Rachel, was born in 1897 according to a note written by her sister Ella Cook Roylance. Rachel died before Laura in 1899.

By the time Rubey's parents were married in 1903, another one of her father's daughters, Agnes, had died; the resulting combined family included eight children, six daughters and two sons.

I dutifully record these in proper genealogical form as 'half siblings' but, to my mother, they always considered themselves brothers and sisters. According to Rubey's sister, Ruth, "*Even though these eight sisters and brothers were half -- We never knew them as anything but brothers and sisters as we did the later kids, 5 of us*"<sup>7</sup> Rubey was close to all of her siblings and they got together as often as possible. Without a doubt, she was closest to her sister, Ruth, and you will see them together frequently in this story. From the time I was old enough to remember, they talked almost every day.

After they married in 1903, Rubey's parents moved to Caddo County and the family grew.

Four children were born at their first location in Caddo County about six miles north of Fort Cobb near Fort Cobb Lake, on the southeast quarter of Section 3, Township 8 North of Range 12 west of the Indian Meridian.<sup>8</sup>

1. Arthur Carl, 3 Oct 1903- 18 Feb 1973
2. Isa Marie, 12 Oct 1906-4 Feb 1961
3. Everett Read, 6 Feb 1909-11 Jul 1995
4. Ruth Naomi, 30 Aug 1910-3 Jan 1998

Rubey was born after the family moved to the house near Boone

5. Rubey Della, 28 Nov 1913-20 Oct 1983



**Figure 3: Bed Where Rubey Was Born after  
2023 Restoration**





**Figure 4: Sign at Cook Creek Crossing**

Rubey was never called 'Della' as far as I know and her first name is correctly spelled with an 'e.' For consistency, I have used 'Rubey' throughout even where a quoted publication used the more common 'Ruby.'

The location where Rubey was born was described by her brother, Evert in a history of Boone Township, *"One other creek that runs out of the hills and crosses Highway 19 west of Boone is still called Cook Creek by a few of the old-timers. In the horse-and-buggy days the writer, with his parents lived at this crossing. The cool clear water of Cook Creek was welcomed by many a tired horse and weary traveler, more so than a gas station today."*<sup>9</sup>

Cook Creek Crossing was very close to their house but the incident described in the sign happened many years before the Cook family settled there.

Evert described the rock house where Rubey was born, *"I remember the old house. It had two rooms downstairs and two rooms upstairs. [The house] was lighted with kerosene lamps, usually one in each room. And if we were one chimney short, it was always upstairs in the boys' room. Before the well, they carried water from Cook Creek, a couple of hundred yards from the house. There was also an outhouse, "My room, like the others, had the customary night pot under the bed, but rather than use it, I felt my way in the dark down the stairs and out into the yard. Rain or snow hindered these trips considerably."*<sup>10</sup>

Local news on Rubey's birthday included, *"E. S. Parker, who has just about completed the Boone Township school building, went to Oklahoma City Tuesday on a business trip."*

Rubey had a double celebration with birthday and Thanksgiving on the same day nine times during her life. The years when November 28th was also Thanksgiving are...

<u>Year</u>	<u>Age</u>
1918 .....	5
1929 .....	16
1935 .....	22
1940 .....	27
1946 .....	33
1957 .....	44
1963 .....	50
1968 .....	55
1974.....	61

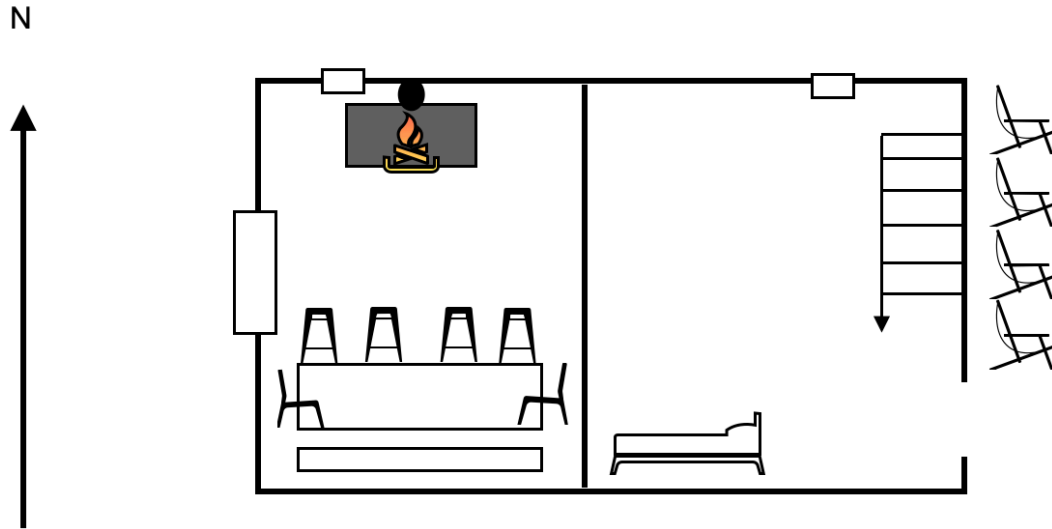


Figure 5: Rock House First Floor Plan

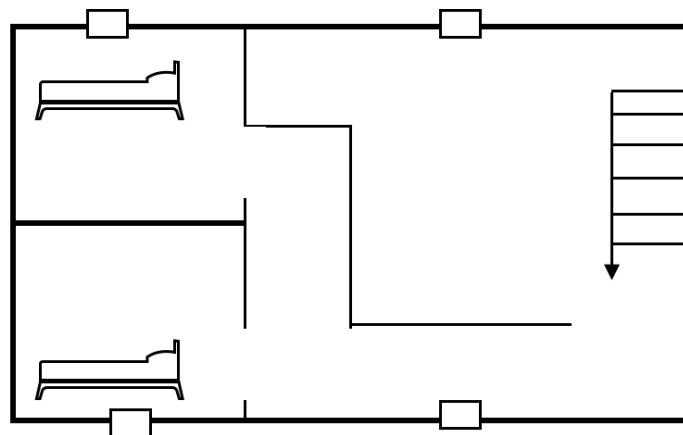


Figure 6: Rock House Second Floor Plan

Ruth's description of the house is similar to Evert's, "We moved to the Rock house when I was 1 1/2 years old. It was 10 miles west of Apache, OK in the foothills of the Wichita Mountains. It was a two-story rock house -- 3 rooms up -- two big ones down. The rocks came from the mountains east of it. The floors were large rock slabs (at least the kitchen was) and the upstairs was mostly unfinished. The stairway went up the east side of the house and underneath was this place that had a curtain over the door. We called this the 'dark hole.' The three bedrooms were off from the hallway. The south room was for me and Isa. The northwest was Evert and Arthur. The northeast room was extra. Mamma and Rubey slept downstairs on a feather bed that made into a couch when we had company. The kitchen was large with a big wood-burning stove, a cabinet, a west window with lots of house plants, a long table on the south with a long bench for the kids and chairs for company. A door went out of the east side and..." Ruth continues, "We all drank from the same dipper! In the late afternoon we had chairs outside on the east side of the house (more rock slabs) where it was cooler. Mother cooked a

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*big meal at noon and enough to keep in the warming (closet). I don't think that is the name (oven), just an enclosure in the back of the stove."*<sup>11</sup>

# Rubey's Childhood

## Family Homes 1913 - 1930

**1913 Rock House:** Rubey spent her first 13 years in the rock house on section 19 of the Boone township. Her great affection for her time in this house is probably why she collected rocks from the old house when it was torn down and later passed the rocks along to me. After her father's estate was settled in 1925, Rubey's family moved around a bit. The most authoritative record of these moves appears to be the school census which I used to create this map of their locations and dates.

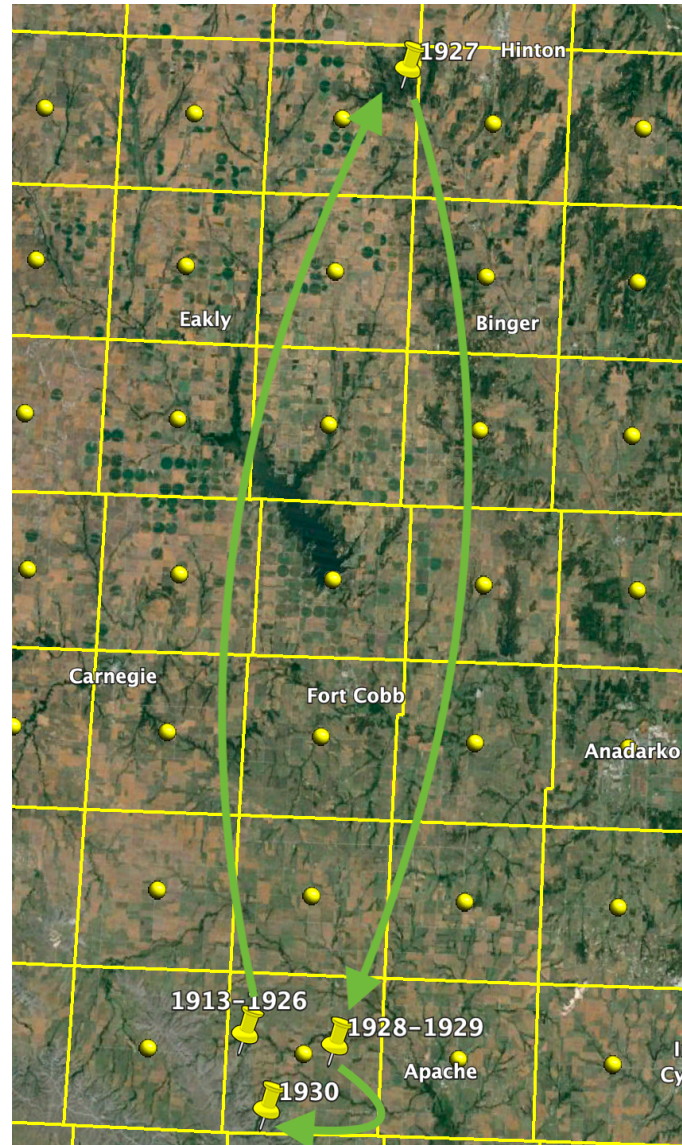


Figure 7: Recap of Rubey's Childhood Homes



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There is a hand-written note in Rubey's handwriting in the Appendix Item 1 showing dates of the various homes where they lived that differs slightly from the school census dates.

Year	Rubey's Home Locations According To...	
	...School Census	...Hand-Written Note
1913	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)
1914	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)
1915	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)
1916	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)
1917	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)
1918	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)
1919	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)
1920	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)
1921	Rock House (S4 T5 N R12)	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)
1922	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)
1923	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)
1924	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)	Walker House (S32 T5 N R12)
1925	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)	Walker House (S32 T5 N R12)
1926	Rock House (NE4 S19 T5 N R12)	House East of Boone 1 year
1927	Hinton (S11 T12 N R12)	Hinton (S11 T12 N R12)
1928	SE/E of Boone (S29 T5 N R12)	Not Mentioned
1929	SE/E of Boone (S29 T5 N R12)	Not Mentioned
1930	Walker House (S32 T5 N R12)	Not Mentioned



**Figure 8: Rubey,  
About 1916**

**1916:** When Rubey was just over two years old, on February 26, 1916, her father died of typhoid fever. She didn't remember her father and didn't have a father figure as she grew up.

*"We had a happy, uncomplicated life. One 4th of July, while my father was still alive, we had a big picnic down by the creek with lots of neighbors, food and homemade ice cream.*

*Rubey and I made play houses under some locust trees. We had gallon cans for furniture and broken dish pieces for dishes. We made stick dolls and dressed them with leaves.*"<sup>12</sup>

*We played 'Ante over,' throwing a ball over the house to someone on the other side. We caught lightening bugs in jars at night, played 'Blackman,' London Bridge and drop the handkerchief when we had*

*company.*"<sup>13</sup>

After Rubey's father died in 1916, the family was able to continue to live in the rock house with all the furnishings and her mother managed the livestock and 160 acres until her father's estate was settled. Ruth Dutcher recalled, *"My mother supported us by buying and selling cattle and renting pasture land to other people. I'll never know how she did it but we were always well fed & clothed and had a little more than most of the neighbors. We had a two-seated buggy for getting around -- later a wagon. Grocery shopping, going into town was once a month and all day long. Usually the baby (Rubey) and one other child got to go. There was a small treat for the ones at home -- usually a piece of hard candy.*"<sup>14</sup>



**Figure 9: L to R: Rubey, Ruth, Evert, Isa, Rosa, Arthur  
in Front of the Rock House, about 1916**



**Figure 10: L to R: Rubey, Rosa, Ruth, Kit, Princes  
about 1917**

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**1918:** Only two years after Rubey's father died, her sister Ida Lee Suggs also died.<sup>15</sup> Ida had been ill for most of her life. According to notes from Ruth Naomi [Cook] Dutcher, "*Ida contracted spinal meningitis when she was very young and was never a healthy person. She*



**Figure 11: Back L to R: Isa, Ella; Front L to R: Rubey, Kenneth William Roylance, Ruth, Rosa, About Oct 1920**

*probably died as a result of the meningitis.*"<sup>16</sup>

**1919:** In 1919, Rubey was named as one of the heirs to her father's estate and received an undivided 2/27ths of the family homestead with the rock house, plus \$37.93. Due to state laws, her portion of the homestead was not sellable because she was under 18 years old.<sup>17</sup>

**1920:** When Rubey was six years old, on January 20th, 1920, Everett E. Simms came by the rock house to enter the family into the US Census. Rubey's mother, age 40, and four of Rubey's siblings were living there at that time including Arthur age 16, Isa age 13, Evert age 10 and Ruth age 9. All of the

children attended school which matches up with the school census during the same month. The entire family was able to read and write. Arthur, at age 16, was cited as the person who ran the farm, not Rubey's mother.<sup>18</sup>

In the fall of 1920, Ella May [Cook] Roylance, Bill and Laura McCall's second daughter, came for a visit and a picture at the creek near the rock house documents that visit.

**1922:** In mid-October 1922, Eva [Suggs] Hiner and her husband John visited and brought along Arthur Cook who had been working near the Hiner family in Electra, Texas.<sup>19</sup>



**Figure 12: L to R: Ruth, Rubey, Rosa, About Summer 1922 near the rock house**



**1923:** Horses were a necessity for getting to school and town; they were also a source of fun. This picture from about 1923 shows Isa and Rubey on a horse near the old rock house.



**Figure 13: L to R: Isa, Rubey, Unknown near the Rock House, about 1923**

**1925:** By 1925, all of the legal paperwork was settled so that Rubey's mother could sell the 160 homestead and the rock house to Walter T. Sparks, Rubey's brother-in-law, Myrtle's husband. Her mother was able to sign as the guardian of Rubey, Evert and Ruth, who were all still minors.

Almost 12 years old, Rubey and the rest of her family went to a surprise anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Vick Stephens in early November 1925. According to the *Carnegie Herald*, "*A splendid oyster supper was held. Many musical numbers were rendered by Misses Rubey Cook and Gracie Sinclair and Mesdames Beecher Recker and R. J. Little presided at the piano.*" The



Stephens family lived in the Swan Lake area near the present Fort Cobb Lake and were neighbors to Rubey's parents before they moved to the rock house at Boone. There were over a hundred people at the party and plenty of children to play with Rubey.<sup>20</sup>

**Figure 14: Rubey Probably at the Rock House, about 1924**

## Rubey's Childhood



**RUBEY Probably at the House  
East of Boone, About 1926**

counted in the Boone school census on January 1st and the Lone Mound school census in District 144 of Caddo County on February 5th.<sup>23</sup> There must be some sort of clerical error as Rubey has a report card indicating that they moved earlier and that Rubey started School in Hinton in September. Rubey's hand-written note says 1927 which lines up nicely. According to the school census, they lived in Section 12 Township 11 N of Range 12, West of the Indian Meridian, about four miles west and one mile south of Hinton, Oklahoma in a wooded area.

**1926 Move to East of Boone:** Rubey's note says this move happened in 1926 to a house "east of Boone" and that may have happened but not picked up during the annual school census in January. I have not found any evidence of that move, other than the hand-written note in the appendix. It very well could be correct given that they stayed there for only a year.

**1927 Move to Lone Mound Near Hinton:** After living near Boone for so long, I don't know why they moved north. The family clearly was in the location southwest of Hinton in 1927. According to the school census they moved between January 1 and February 5, 1927.<sup>21 22</sup> Evert, Rubey and Ruth were



**Figure 15: Rubey Della Cook,  
About 1927 Near Hinton, OK**

Susan Dragoo, is a writer and photographer specializing in southwestern US history, particularly Oklahoma. Dragoo describes the mounds in the area where Rubey and her family lived, "*West of Oklahoma City -- way out past Hinton and nearly to Hydro -- the casual observer driving along Interstate 40 might catch out of the corner of his eye some mounds to the south upon the prairie. They're easy to miss, since such physical features are unexpected amid the flatness, and one's eyes are not easily drawn to the landscape in that region. It was, of course, the contrast these buttes created that made them remarkable to travelers of the prairie in the days when overland navigation depended heavily on landmarks.*" They were noted as early as 1849 by James H. Simpson, part of Captain Randolph B. Marcy's military escort to California. Simpson noted in his journal of May 23, 1849, "*Proceeding on about a mile [from camp], some hills of singular shape make their appearance, for the first time, bearing north 70 degrees west; several have very much the appearance of immense Indian lodges.*"<sup>24</sup>

**1928 Southeast of Boone:**

According to the school census they returned to Boone township in 1928 or so living in a house southeast of Boone in section 29.<sup>25</sup> During the 1928-1929 school year, in January 1929, Evert, Ruth and Rubey were counted in Boone School with a post office address of Apache.

**1930 Rubey's Mother Moves into The Walker House:** By 1930 Rubey's mother was in J. W. Walker's house in section 32 of the Santiago area of Caddo County, the very southwest corner of the county. The 1931 school census curiously cites Section 4 as their location which would be almost

directly north of Boone; it may refer to a route number or something else. Rubey's mother moved to 'the Walker house' which I assume is their neighbor J. W. Walker.<sup>26</sup> Walker lived in Santiago area near the southwest corner of Caddo County. Santiago is the township immediately west of the rock house bounded on the West by Kiowa County and the South by Comanche County. The Walker house was located in section 32.

On April 12, 1930, The enumerator for the US census came by the Walker house to count the Cook family. The census record only names Boone Township as the location in Caddo County, but I know from the neighbors listed on the same census page that Rubey's family was still in the Walker house in section 32; according to the census the two families counted just before Rubey's family were the Jones and Gilbreath families, both in section 29 and the McClain family was counted immediately after was in section 32.

The census shows that Rubey, age 16, was living with her mother, Rosa age 57, her brother, Evert age 21, and her sister Ruth age 19. Other sources discussed later indicate that Rubey was spending a lot of time in Anadarko with Ruth and had met Stanley by this time. Ruth was also working in Anadarko by 1930. So, this census apparently refers to Rubey's permanent home with her mother. The census indicates that Rubey was the only one in the household attending school, even though the Boone school reported that Ruth was a student in the January census. Evert was listed as a general farmer and Ruth as a stenographer at a lawyer's office. Neither Rubey nor her mother listed an occupation.<sup>27</sup>



**Figure 16: Art Peters & Mark Fields Walking Toward Lone Mound, 2016**

### Playing

Several of Rubey's dolls were passed down to Ann Lyn Hall. The smaller ones are called 'Penny Dolls.' Most of the others are delicate and in original clothing; The doll expert in Albuquerque told us that it was better to just admire them rather than to attempt any restoration.



**Figure 17: Rubey's Dolls**



**Figure 18: Rubey's 'Nippon' Doll After 2022 Restoration**





**Figure 19: Indian Blanket Near the Slick Hills**

may have been used by Isa (born 1906) and Ruth (born 1910) and passed down to Rubey or it may have been new when she got it.

In the spring, the slick hills are covered by flowers called 'Indian Blanket.' In 1989, Evert Cook told me that the children used to pull the petals off of one of these flowers to see what they would become when they grew up.

They named an occupation with each petal they pulled...

Rich man, Poor Man,  
Beggar Man, Thief.  
Doctor, Lawyer,  
Indian Chief.

The list of occupations was repeated until all the petals were gone. The occupation that was called on the last petal is what they would become. It looks like there was an almost infinite amount of raw material to play this game all over the slick hills where they lived.

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## Church

The Cook children played with friends after church on Sunday. "*The wagon was transportation to a Baptist church in Boone 2 miles or so from home.*"<sup>28</sup>

In August, 1918, the family attended a Methodist meeting in Boone with neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Burum.<sup>29</sup>



**Figure 20: Sunday School Group at Cook Creek Near the Rock House, Rubey & Ruth on far Left, Other Unknown, Easter Sunday, 1918**



## School

The children were busy with school most of the year. Ruth recalled that they went to Boone Consolidated School, "About two miles from our house. The school taught from 'Primer' (like kindergarten now) through 12th grade.<sup>30</sup> We could smell the home-baked bread most afternoons when we returned from school and we fought to see who would get the heels.



Figure 21: Building the Boone School House, 1912

Note that The Apache Area Centennial<sup>31</sup> Book identifies this picture of the school as being from 1912 and the Oklahoma Historical Society identifies the same picture as 1920.<sup>32</sup> Describing the picture of the new Boone School, Rubey wrote, "All young men in the area helped, probably including Cook boys."

According to Evert Cook, "When the new school was built, it was called Boone School because it was in Boone Township and what a fine school it was! The rocks for the foundation and for about eight feet up on the walls were dug out of the hills two miles west. The old quarry can still be seen on the north side of where highway 9 cuts through the hill and near the spring on the Boy Scout Camp."

Evert continues, "The new school was the talk of the community with its classrooms, halls, winding stairs, auditorium and stage." Evert attended the first program there in about 1912, "The school had an attendance of over 200 the first few years. The primary teacher had about 60 beginners...Two teachers for the rest of the grades and one teacher taught the entire high school."<sup>33</sup>

According to Evert, "Many times in the middle of the night some neighbor would come after Mamma to help his wife have a baby. Sometimes she would be at a neighbor's house for a day and night, and we kids would have to get off to the country school by ourselves..."<sup>34</sup>

"We walked to the school wagon either around a hill or over the hill. When it rained the creek was overflowing and it



Figure 22: Boone Township Consolidated School, 1912

was hard to get me to cross it. We caught the school wagon at a road crossing, and when I was really small, I nearly froze to death waiting for the wagon to come over the hill."<sup>35</sup> Three of these wagons are on display in the photo of the school.

Evert described these wagons as well, "*The School district bought four covered wagons and let them out to the lowest bidder to someone in the community to drive a school wagon route. The farmer furnished his own horses and hauled the pupils from the four corners of the district to school. My father drove one a few years for \$40 a month.*"<sup>36</sup> That's about \$1,200 per month adjusted for inflation. The records at familysearch.org were used to develop a map of families who had children in Boone School.<sup>37</sup>



Figure 23: Known locations of children sent to Boone School 1920

## Rubey's Childhood

There were about 165 children who are in the 1920 school census for Boone and are listed in Item 2 in the appendix. The census indicates that both white and Indian children attended school there. About 89% of the students were white and the vast majority of Indian students identified themselves as members of Apache or Comanche tribes; two of nineteen native children did not specify a tribe on the census form. The above map identifies locations and family names of children who went to Boone school with Rubey during her first year. Fourteen of the white families and all nineteen of Indian families failed to identify their location in the school census; for that reason, they are completely left off the map. The arrows represent the 132 students whose home section is known.

Ruth and Rubey are near the front center of this picture. Ruth behind the little boy with his hands in his face and Rubey just to the right of the same little boy. Miss Olive must be the woman near the center back row with the black hat. Miss Olive's name was Olive E. Hochderffer. There were about 30 children in Rubey's class from about six years old to about thirteen years old.



**Figure 24: Boone School Picture, Caption: 'Love to Ruth and Rubey, Miss Olive,' 1920**



**1919-1920:** Rubey started school in the fall of 1919 and was first counted in the Caddo County School Census in January 1920 at age 6. Her brothers and sisters were there as well and must have helped her get acclimated. Rubey's youngest Suggs sister, Iva, was already 25 years old and married<sup>38</sup> and Elmer, her youngest sibling from her dad's first wife, was 22 and working the oil fields in Kay County, Oklahoma. The only siblings still at Boone School in 1920 were her full brothers and sisters. According to the census, they lived on Section 19 where the rock house was located.

Name of Parent (or Guardian): Rosa Cook Post Office: Apacher  
Name of Township or Street: Boone Section or Street No. 19  
Name of Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_ (If Indian or Freedman, give name of tribe.)

NAME OF CHILD	COLOR	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH			AGE	If Deaf, Dumb, Blind or Feeble Minded Indicate
			Month	Day	Year		
<u>Arthur Cook</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1916</u>	<u>16</u>	
<u>Iva</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1906</u>	<u>13</u>	
<u>Robert</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1919</u>	<u>11</u>	
<u>Ruth</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1911</u>	<u>9</u>	
<u>Rubey</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>1914</u>	<u>6</u>	

I hereby declare under oath that the above is a true and correct statement of the facts given; that I am a legal resident of the above School District and the names and ages of all persons of school age are correct as written above.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of March, 1920. \_\_\_\_\_ Parent or Guardian.  
\_\_\_\_\_. Enumerator.

Figure 25: Boone School Census, January 1920

**1920-1921:** In 1921, Rubey's niece, Lillie May Hiner, was recorded in school at Boone and was apparently living in the rock house with the rest of the Cook family but the census shows 'Section or Street 4.'<sup>39</sup> Lillie's parents and four younger siblings may have also been living there

Name of Parent (or Guardian): Rosa Cook Post Office: Apacher  
Name of Township or Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Section or Street No. 4  
Name of Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_ (If Indian or Freedman, give name of tribe.)

NAME OF CHILD	COLOR	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH			AGE	If Deaf, Dumb, Blind or Feeble Minded Indicate
			Month	Day	Year		
<u>Arthur Cook</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1916</u>	<u>17</u>	
<u>Iva</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1906</u>	<u>14</u>	
<u>Robert</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1919</u>	<u>11</u>	
<u>Ruth</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1911</u>	<u>10</u>	
<u>Rubey</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>1914</u>	<u>7</u>	
<u>Lillie Hiner</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1912</u>	<u>8</u>	

I hereby declare under oath that the above is a true and correct statement of the facts given; that I am a legal resident of the above School District and the names and ages of all persons of school age are correct as written above.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of January, 1921. \_\_\_\_\_ Parent or Guardian.  
\_\_\_\_\_. Enumerator.

Figure 26: Boone School Census, January 1921

but I don't have any further evidence to prove or disprove that. In 1920, Lillie's father was a stock farmer in Red Mesa, Colorado; perhaps that venture didn't work out and they were between jobs.<sup>40</sup> Lillie is a good example of how the generations work when you are the youngest in a very large family like Rubey was, a niece who is only one year younger than the aunt. Rubey was 7 years old at the time of this census but remained close to Lillie even after the Hiner family moved to Canada.<sup>41</sup>

**1921-1922:** The January 1922 school census for Boone is missing but I assume Rubey continued there since she was there in 1923.

## Rubey's Childhood

Name of Parent (or Guardian) Rosa Cook Post Office: 19  
 Name of Township or Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Section or Parcel No. 19  
 Name of Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_ (If Indian or Freedman, give name of tribe.)

NAME OF CHILD	COLOR	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH			AGE	If Deaf, Dumb, Blind or Feeble Minded Indicate
			Month	Day	Year		
<u>Arthur Cook</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1901</u>	<u>19</u>	
<u>Joe</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1901</u>	<u>16</u>	
<u>Everett</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1909</u>	<u>14</u>	
<u>Ruth Cook</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1910</u>	<u>12</u>	
<u>Rubey</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>1913</u>	<u>9</u>	

I hereby declare under oath that the above is a true and correct statement of the facts given; that I am a legal resident of the above School District and the names and ages of all persons of school age are correct as written above.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Jan 1923  
Rosa Cook Parent or Guardian.  
Ray L. L. L. Enumerator.

Figure 27: Boone, School Census, January 1923

**1922-1923:** By January 1923, Rubey's niece, Lily Hiner had moved, probably to Ensenada, New Mexico; the Hiner family reported being from there when they crossed the border into Canada in April 1924. Once again the school census reported Rubey's family in section 19.<sup>42</sup>

Rubey's report card for 1923 and 1924 indicates that her mother got eight monthly reports from Boone school. Mildred Green was

her teacher and D. M. Scism was the County Superintendent.<sup>43</sup>

Rubey's third grade scores indicate an early interest or talent in the basics: reading, writing and arithmetic. Her spelling and language skills were also fairly high at 90 percent. The only score consistently below 90 percent was for drawing.

**TO PARENTS OR GUARDIAN**  
 Please examine card carefully, sign, and return promptly. Please notice each grade and confer with teacher if you desire information on any point. If pupil is low in any branch encourage him to do better next month.

Signature of Parent or Guardian  
 1st Mo. Mrs. Cook  
 2nd Mo. Mrs. Cook  
 3rd Mo. Mrs. Cook  
 4th Mo. Mrs. Cook  
 5th Mo. Mrs. Cook  
 6th Mo. Mrs. Cook  
 7th Mo. Mrs. Cook  
 8th Mo. Mrs. Cook  
 9th Mo. Mrs. Cook

Form No. 4093. New Dispatch, Shawnee

**Caddo County Schools**

The Home, the School, and the State, should work together for the good of the child

REPORT OF  
Rubey Cook  
 For the School Year  
 1922 and 1923  
Mildred Green TEACHER.  
 D. M. SCISM  
 COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

Figure 28: Rubey's Report-Card Cover, 1922-1923

Using a scale of "Excellent, Good, Fair and Poor" the teacher rated Rubey's 'Interest, Conduct, Preparation and Carefulness.' Most of Rubey's traits were rated good throughout the year but the last month she received 'Excellent' ratings for all of the traits. This extra effort is probably reflected in grade improvements at the end of the year versus the beginning of the year in... Arithmetic 90 vs. 80

- Language and Grammar 90 vs. 80
- Reading 100 vs. 85
- Spelling 95 vs. 80
- Writing 90 vs. 75

Her attendance was quite regular, missing only 8 days out of a total 152 days of class during the school year.

Subjects	CLASS AND EXAMINATION GRADES													Final Ave
	1	2	1-EX	3	4	2-EX	5	6	3-EX	7	8	4-EX	9	
Agriculture														
Arithmetic	80	85		90	91		92	93		95	90			
Civics														
Drawing	87	95		90	95		96	96		97	99			
Dom. Science														
Geography														
Lang. and Gram.	80	85		90	90		93	95		97	90			
History State														
History U. S.	80	85		90	90									
Music														
Physiology														
Reading	85	90		93	95		97	98		100	100			
Spelling	80	86		90	94		95	96		97	95			
Writing	70	71		85	85		86	87		89	90			

Markings:	Excellent 95 to 100	Good 85 to 95	Fair 75 to 85	Unsatisfactory 65 to 75	Poor Below 65	Required Average 75			
ATTENDANCE									
Months	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Days Taught	20	20	20	19	20	16	20	20	20
Days on Roll	20	20	20	19	20	16	20	20	20
Days Absent	0	0	1	1	2	4	0	0	0
Times Tardy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Times Truant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAITS OF PUPIL									
Months	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Interest	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Conduct	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Preparation of Lessons	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Carefulness	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

Mark: E, Excellent; G, Good; F, Fair; P, Poor.

CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION	
This Certifies that <u>Ruby Cook</u>	has completed the work of the <u>Third</u> grade and is hereby recommended for promotion to the <u>Fourth</u> grade of the Public Schools in this County.
<u>Apr 27</u> 192 <u>3</u>	<u>Mildred Green</u> TEACHER

Figure 29: Rubey's Boone Report Card, 1922-1923

## Rubey's Childhood

Name of Parent (or Guardian): Rosa Cook Post Office: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Township or Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Section or Street No. 19  
 Name of Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_ (If Indian or Freedman, give name of tribe.)

NAME OF CHILD	COLOR	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH			AGE	If Deaf, Dumb, Blind or Feeble Minded Indicate
			Month	Day	Year		
<u>Isaac Cook</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Oct</u>		<u>1906</u>	<u>17</u>	
<u>Arthur Cook</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>				<u>20</u>	
<u>Everett</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1909</u>	<u>15</u>	
<u>Ruth</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1910</u>	<u>13</u>	
<u>Rubey</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>1913</u>	<u>10</u>	

I hereby declare under oath that the above is a true and correct statement of the facts given; that I am a legal resident of the above School District and the names and ages of all persons of school age are correct as written above.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 192\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enumerator, \_\_\_\_\_

Figure 30: Boone, School Census, January 1924

**1923-1924:** The complete 1924 school census file is available on familysearch.org, but none of the Cook children are included in either Boone or Apache. It looks like the record or the entire file was misplaced as I found this record with the correct ages in the 1927 census.<sup>44</sup>

*Rubey*

Figure 31: Rubey's Signature, 1924

According to the Apache newspaper, Rubey spent the night with a school friend, Beulah Smith, on Thursday January 10th 1924.<sup>45</sup> The Smith family lived just northwest of the Cache Creek Mission, about 3 1/2 miles east of the Cook homestead. Beulah spent the night with Rubey in October.<sup>46</sup>

Rubey read 'Ivanhoe' in 1924 and signed her name in the front.<sup>47</sup> Mildred Green was her teacher again this year and the new County Superintendent was Eva B. West.

Scores were given in general categories except for spelling which was a percentage score. The final grade for the year was also given as a percentage.

Rubey's performance was again pretty good with 90 and above scores in reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic. Her 'language and grammar' score was almost at that

Subjects	CLASS AND EXAMINATION GRADES										Final Ave		
	1	2	1-EX	3	4	2-EX	5	6	3-EX	7		8	4-EX
Agriculture													
Arithmetic	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>		<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>		<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>		<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>		<u>90</u>
Civics													
Drawing	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>		<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>		<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>		<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>		<u>80</u>
Dom. Science													
Geography	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>		<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>		<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>		<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>		<u>85</u>
Lang. and Gram.	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>		<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>		<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>		<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>		<u>88</u>
History State													
History U. S.													
Music													
Physiology													
Reading	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>		<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>		<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>		<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>		<u>95</u>
Spelling	<u>95-95</u>	<u>94-91</u>		<u>94-90</u>	<u>94-90</u>		<u>97-99</u>	<u>97-99</u>		<u>97-99</u>	<u>97-99</u>		<u>95</u>
Writing	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>		<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>		<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>		<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>		<u>90</u>

Markings:	Excellent 95 to 100	Good 85 to 95	Fair 75 to 85	Unsatisfactory 60 to 75	Poor Below 60	Required Average 80			
ATTENDANCE									
Months:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Days Taught	<u>20</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>14</u>	
Days on Roll	<u>20</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>14</u>	
Days Absent	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>		
Times Tardy									
Times Truant									
TRAITS OF PUPIL									
Months:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Interest	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>
Conduct	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>
Preparation of Lessons	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>
Confidence	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>

Mark: E, Excellent; G, Good; F, Fair; P, Poor.

**CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION**

This Certifies that Ruby Cook has completed the work of the Fourth grade and is hereby recommended for promotion to the Fifth grade of the Public Schools in this County.

April 25 1924 Mildred Green  
 TEACHER

Figure 32: Rubey's Boone Report Card, 1923-1924



higher level with an 88; geography and drawing were not her strongest subjects but certainly passing.

Rubey was absent from school 21 days out of 135 days of school with a big gap in March 1924. Also, her conduct was only 'Fair' the first two months of the year. She apparently started being more careful with the preparation of her lessons during the last part of the school year starting in November. Her teacher, Mildred Green, recommended Rubey for fifth grade.

Rubey's friend, Hester Whaley started school at Boone in about 1924. Hester married John Bridges and had a son named Claud Russell Bridges. Russell changed his name to Leon Russell and became a famous musician and song writer. Since Hester's sister Lorraine married Rubey's brother, Arthur, Mike Dutcher used to joke about 'cousin Leon.'

Name of Parent (or Guardian): <u>Rosa Cook</u>		Post Office: <u>Apache Okla</u>	
Name of Township or Street:		Section or Street No.:	
Name of Tribe:		(If Indian or Freedman, give name of tribe.)	

NAME OF CHILD	COLOR	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH			AGE	If Deaf, Dumb, Blind or Feeble Minded Indicate
			Month	Day	Year		
<u>Ruby Cook</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>1914</u>	<u>11</u>	
<u>Ruth Cook</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1911</u>	<u>14</u>	
<u>Evert Cook</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Feb</u>		<u>1909</u>	<u>16</u>	

I hereby declare under oath that the above is a true and correct statement of the facts given; that I am a legal resident of the above School District and the names and ages of all persons of school age are correct as written above.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 192\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Enumerator: \_\_\_\_\_

Figure 33: Boone, School Census, January 1925

**1924-1925:** Rubey's brother Arthur had a job in in Anadarko in 1925. The Apache Review reported that he visited home on January 22nd and returned to Anadarko the same day. Isa got married just after the 1923 school census. That leaves only Rubey, Ruth and Evert in the Boone school.



## Rubey's Childhood

Rubey's scores for the year were mostly good; early in the year she got fair scores for arithmetic, geography, history and physiology and her strong subjects continued to be reading, writing, spelling and language.

Rubey only missed nine days out of 106 reported on this card.

Near the end of February, 1925, the Boone school was closed due to 'insufficient funds,'<sup>148</sup> "The Boone school closed Friday evening with sad faces and many tears."<sup>149</sup> The school was open again in September.

Rubey got 'Good' scores for her interest, conduct, preparation of lessons and carefulness.'

Subjects	CLASS AND EXAMINATION GRADES													
	1	2	1-EX	3	4	2-EX	5	6	3-EX	7	8	4-EX	9	Final Ave.
Agriculture							1							
Arithmetic	F	F		G+E			G							
Civics														
Drawing	G	G		G	G+		G+							
Dom. Science														
Geography	F	F		G	G		G							
Lang. and Gram.	G	G		G	G		G							
History State														
History U. S.	F	G		G+	G	72	G							
Music														
Physiology	F	G		G	G	93	G							
Reading	G	G		G	G		G							
Spelling	G	G		G+	G	84	G							
Writing	G	G		G	G		G							

Markings:	Excellent 95 to 100	Good 85 to 95	Fair 75 to 85	Unsatisfactory 60 to 75	Poor Below 60	Required Average 80 Minimum - - 60			
ATTENDANCE									
Months:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Days Taught	20	20	18	17	20	10			
Days on Roll	20	20	18	17	19	10			
Days Absent	1	2	0	3	3	0			
Times Tardy	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Times Truant	0	0	0	0	0	0			
TRAITS OF PUPIL									
Months:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Interest	G	G	G	G	G				
Conduct	G	G	G	G	G				
Preparation of Lessons	G	G	G	G	G				
Carefulness	G	G	G	G	G				
Marks: E, Excellent; G, Good; F, Fair; P, Poor.									
<p align="center"><b>CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION</b></p> <p>This Certifies that <u>Ruby Cook</u> has completed the work of the <u>5th</u> grade and is hereby recommended for promotion to the <u>6th</u> grade of the schools in this County.</p> <p align="right">192<u>5</u> <u>Honna Adkins</u> TEACHER</p>									

Figure 34: Rubey's Boone Report Card, 1924-1925



Figure 35: 1926 Award

**1925-1926:** The 1926 Boone census is missing, but Rubey kept her certificate of award for being "Neither Absent nor Tardy" from Boone School for the last five months of the school year. Rubey's report card for 1925-1926 confirms that she was only absent three days earlier in the school year.

## Rubey's Childhood

Subjects	CLASS AND EXAMINATION GRADES													
	1	2	1-EX	3	4	2-EX	5	6	3-EX	7	8	4-EX	9	Final Ave.
Agriculture														
Arithmetic	E	E		E	E		F	D		D	D			
Civics														
Drawing	E	E		E	E		E	E		E	E			
Dom. Science														
Geography	E	G		G	D		F	W		D	D			
Lang. and Gram.	E	E		E	E		D	D		D	D			
History State								F		D	D			
History U. S.														
Music														
Physiology							P	F		D	D			
Reading	E	E		E	E		E							
Spelling	E	E		E	E		F	D		D	D			
Writing	G	G		E	E		D	D		D	D			

Markings:	Excellent 95 to 100	Good 85 to 95	Fair 75 to 85	Unsatisfactory 60 to 75	Poor Below 60	Required Average 80 Minimum - - 60			
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>									
Months:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Days Taught	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Days on Roll	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Days Absent	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Times Tardy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Times Truant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TRAITS OF PUPIL</b>									
Months:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Interest	E	E	E	E	E	D	E	E	E
Conduct	E	E	E	E	E	D	E	E	E
Preparation of Lessons	E	E	E	E	E	D	E	E	E
Carefulness	E	E	E	E	E	D	E	E	E

Marks: E, Excellent; G, Good; F, Fair; P, Poor.

CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION	
This Certifies that	Rubey S. Oak
the	Seventh
grade of the schools in this County.	Seventh
Mary 14 1926	Mrs. James Hamilton
	TEACHER

ON OPERATIVE PUBLISHING COMPANY, GUTHRIE, OKLA. 40867

**Figure 36: Rubey's Boone Report Card, 1925-1926**

Rubey started the year with all 'Excellent' grades except for writing. Overall, there were a lot more 'Es' on this report versus previous years along with the usual 'Gs' and a smattering of 'Fair' scores. Rubey was at school 157 out of 160 days and her scores for interest, conduct, preparation and carefulness were also higher than past report cards.

**1926-1927:** Sometime during the summer, the family moved to the Lone Mound township southwest of Hinton. Rubey started the school year at Lone Mound school. Her new teacher was Gertrude Landers who graduated from Hinton High School in May<sup>50</sup> and took the teacher examination in August<sup>51</sup> 1926. She was listed as a teacher from Lone Mound district 144 who attended the county teachers' meeting in November.<sup>52</sup> Rubey's grades continued at about the same levels in Lone Mound as they were in Boone. She missed 13 1/2 days out the 139 school days reported on this card. Her traits continued to be 'Good' or 'Excellent.' Seven months into the school year, Rubey and her family moved back to Boone.

Subjects	CLASS AND EXAMINATION GRADES												FINAL AVE.	
	1	2	1-EX	3	4	2-EX	5	6	3-EX	7	8	4-EX		9
Agriculture														
Arithmetic	77	81	75	75	80		87	88						
Civics														
Drawing														
Dom. Science														
Geography														
Lang. and Gram.	91	90	93	93	90		90	90						
History State														
History U. S.	90	95	94	94	84		86	90						
Music														
Physiology														
Reading	94	97	92	90	87		88	88						
Spelling	94	95	93	95	95		97	98						
Writing	89	89	89	89	89		89	89						

Markings:	Excellent 95 to 100	Good 85 to 95	Fair 75 to 85	Unsatisfactory 60 to 75	Poor Below 60	Required Average 80 Minimum - - - 60			
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>									
Months:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Days Taught	20	20	19	20	20	20	20		
Days on Roll	20	20	19	20	20	20	20		
Days Absent	2	1	5	3	1	1 1/2			
Times Tardy	-	-	-	-	-				
Times Truant	-	-	-	-	-				
<b>TRAITS OF PUPIL</b>									
Months:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Interest	E	E	E	E	E	E	E		
Conduct	G	G	G	G	G	G	G		
Preparation of Lessons	G	G	G	G	G	G	G		
Carefulness	G	G	G	G	G	G	G		
Marks: E, Excellent; G, Good; F, Fair; P, Poor.									

CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION	
This Certifies that <u>Rubey Cook</u>	has completed the work of
the <u>8<sup>th</sup></u> grade and is hereby recommended for promotion to the <u>9<sup>th</sup></u>	grade of the public schools in this County.
<u>May 18</u> 192 <u>7</u>	<u>Gertrude Landers</u> TEACHER.

Figure 37: Rubey's Hinton Report Card, Sep 1926 to Feb 1927



# Rubey's Childhood

Name of Parent (Guardian): R. Cook Post Office: Hinton 1927  
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5/6  
 Name of Township or Street: 11-12 Section or Street No. 12  
 Name of Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_ (If Indian or Freedman, give name of tribe)

NAME OF CHILD	COLOR	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH			AGE	Deaf, Dumb, Blind, Feeble Minded and Crippled
			Month	Day	Year		
Everett Cook	W	Boy	Feb	6	1909	18	
Rubey Cook	W	girl	Nov	28	1914	13	
Ruth Cook	W	girl	Aug	3	1911	16	

I hereby declare under oath that the above is a true and correct statement of the facts given; that I am a  
 resident of the above School District and the names and ages of all persons of school age are correct as  
 written above. Roscoe Cook Parent or Guardian  
 subscribed and sworn to before me this the 5 day of Feb, 1927.  
J. J. Ballou Enumerator

**Figure 38: Lone Mound School Census, 1927**

According to the school census, they lived in Section 12 Township 11 N or Range 12, WIM, about four miles west and one mile south of Hinton, Oklahoma in a wooded area.<sup>53</sup>

Sometime after the Lone Mound school census on February 5th and the first day of school in March, the family moved back to Boone and Rubey spent the last two months of the school year in Boone. Her teacher was Miss Georgia Imhoff from Carnegie. Miss Imhoff had moved to Boone just a few days before school opened in early September. Rubey's scores were about as expected given what is known about her earlier grades. It seems to me that the grades should be moved over to account for the first seven months that she was in Lone Mound; regardless this is clearly from her last two months in Boone school.

Subjects	CLASS AND EXAMINATION GRADES														FINAL AVE.
	1	2	1-EX	3	4	2-EX	5	6	3-EX	7	8	4-EX	9		
Agriculture															
Arithmetic	85	80	80												
Civics															
Drawing	80	80	80												
Dom. Science	75	90	80												
Geography	78	90	88												
Lang. and Gram.	75	85	86												
History State															
History U. S.	70	80	85												
Music	90	90	90												
Physiology	78	85	90												
Reading	80	90	93												
Spelling	90	95	95												
Writing	80	90	90												

Markings:	Excellent 95 to 100	Good 85 to 95	Fair 75 to 85	Unsatisfactory 60 to 75	Poor Below 60	Required Average 80 Minimum - - - 60			
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>									
Months:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Days Taught	20								
Days on Roll	20								
Days Absent	0	0							
Times Tardy									
Times Truant									
<b>TRAITS OF PUPIL</b>									
Months:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Interest									
Conduct	92	90	90						
Preparation of Lessons									
Carefulness									
Marks: E. Excellent; G. Good; F. Fair; P. Poor.									
<b>CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION</b>									
This Certifies that.....has completed the work of the.....grade and is hereby recommended for promotion to the.....grade of the public schools in this County.									
.....192.....TEACHER.									

Figure 39: Rubey's Boone Report Card, March & April 1927

COUNTY DIPLOMA GRADES																
CADDO COUNTY, OKLAHOMA																
Name of Pupil <u>Ruby Cook</u>										Parent's Name _____						
Address <u>Apache</u> Oklahoma, R. F. D. _____										Diploma Issued _____ 192__						
District Number	Grade	Age	Year of Examination	Arith.	Geo.	Comp.	Eng.	Gram.	U. S. History	Okla. History	Phys.	Reading	Spelling	Dom. Science	Average	
144	7		Apr.		96		89			85		92		88		
56	8		Apr. '28	70	60			75	68		70		88	70	86	
Examination Held At _____										Teacher _____						

Note—An average of 75 per cent with no grades below 60 per cent is required for graduation from the eighth grade, in the above named subjects. Grades of 75 per cent or more may be carried from the seventh to the eighth year. A grade of 75 per cent in Oklahoma History may be carried from the sixth to the eighth year. One copy of the above is kept on file in the county superintendent's office, and one sent to the pupil.

WALTER MOE

**Figure 40: Caddo County Grades for Diploma**

**1928-1929:** According to her grade card dated April 1928, Rubey appears to be in Lone Mound District 144 in 7th grade and Boone District 56 during 8th grade. She made fairly good grades in Lone Mound and lower grades in Boone. This card appears to be in support of her graduation from 8th grade.

There was also some sort of examination in April 1928. According to the scores, Rubey was outstanding in Civics and Physiology with scores in the 90s, Good in Geography, U.S. and Oklahoma History, Reading and Domestic Science with scores in the 80s, Fair in Grammar, Music, Penmanship and Spelling with scores in the 70s. She had upside potential in Agriculture and Arithmetic with scores lower than the 70s. A copy of the results are included in the appendix.



**Figure 41: Rubey About 1928**

Name of Parent (or Guardian): Mrs. Rosa Cook Post Office: Apache  
 Name of Township or Street: Boone Section or Street No. 29  
 Name of Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_ (If Indian or Freedman, give name of tribe.)

NAME OF CHILD	COLOR	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH			AGE	Deaf, Dumb, Blind, Feeble Minded and Crippled (Write Which)
			Month	Day	Year		
<u>Everett Cook</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1908</u>	<u>20</u>	
<u>Ruth Cook</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1911</u>	<u>17</u>	
<u>Ruby Cook</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>1913</u>	<u>15</u>	

I hereby declare under oath that the above is a true and correct statement of the facts given; that I am a legal resident of the above School District and the names and ages of all persons of school age are correct as written above.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 18 day of January, 1929.  
Mrs. Rosa Cook Parent or Guardian.  
R. C. Adams Enumerator.

Figure 42: Boone, School Census, January 1929

By January 1929, Rubey and her family were living in section 29 in Boone Township. This property is southeast of Boone.

On June 1st, Rubey graduated from eighth grade based on the examination taken in April. A copy of her diploma is included in the appendix. Her teacher, Miss Georgia Imhoff came from her home in Carnegie to visit Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Vickrey near Boone in May. Apparently during that visit, they decided to honor Rubey's graduating eighth grade class with a party.<sup>54</sup> The Vickrey family lived in Boone Township, closer to the school.

Miss Georgia Imhoff requests  
 the presence of Miss Ruby Cook  
 at a party given in honor of  
 the eighth grade.

Tues. Eve. 8:00

Home of  
 W. L. Vickrey

Figure 43: Invitation to Graduation Party



## Rubey's Childhood

In early August, Rubey spent the week in Anadarko with her sister Ruth. They both returned home to their mother's home at Boone on Saturday August 3rd.<sup>55</sup> In December, The American-Democrat reported that Rubey was spending Christmas in Minco.<sup>56</sup> It's not clear where she was traveling from to go to Minco and nothing was mentioned about who she went to see in Minco. I checked all of her siblings and none of them seems to be in that area at this time. I suspect that she visited with her friend Sadie Mae Hume who lived in Minco and was a frequent participant in the weekly dances in Anadarko.

**1929-1930:** Despite the announcement that Rubey was going to Anadarko High School, she was recorded in the Boone school census living in Section 32. This is probably the J. W. Walker house located in the Santiago community "...near the southwest corner of Caddo County."<sup>57</sup> She is not in the 1930 Anadarko school census. However, in January she was a member of the Cotton Blossom Minstrels in Anadarko along with her sister, Ruth, and others who were to become family including...

- Stella Hall
- Carl Hall
- Bruce Dutcher<sup>58</sup>

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Name of Parent (or Guardian): Cook, Mrs Rosa Post Office: Apache

Name of Township or Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Section or Street No. 29 32

Name of Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_ (If Indian or Freedman, give name of tribe.)

NAME OF CHILD	COLOR	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH			AGE	Deaf, Dumb, Blind, Feeble Minded and Crippled (Write Which)
			Month	Day	Year		
<u>Cook, Rubey</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>1913</u>	<u>16</u>	
<u>Cook, Ruth</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1910</u>	<u>19</u>	

I hereby declare under oath that the above is a true and correct statement of the facts given; that I am a legal resident of the above School District and the names and ages of all persons of school age are correct as written above.

Mrs Rosa Cook Parent or Guardian.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 193\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_. Enumerator.

Figure 44: 1930 Boone School Census

## Friends

This picture near the rock house shows Rosa, Rubey and Ruth playing with neighbor children. According to the back of the picture, the others are '*Mrs. Ridley and children who lived on a farm west of the Cooks.*' I was able to confirm the names from the 1920 census.

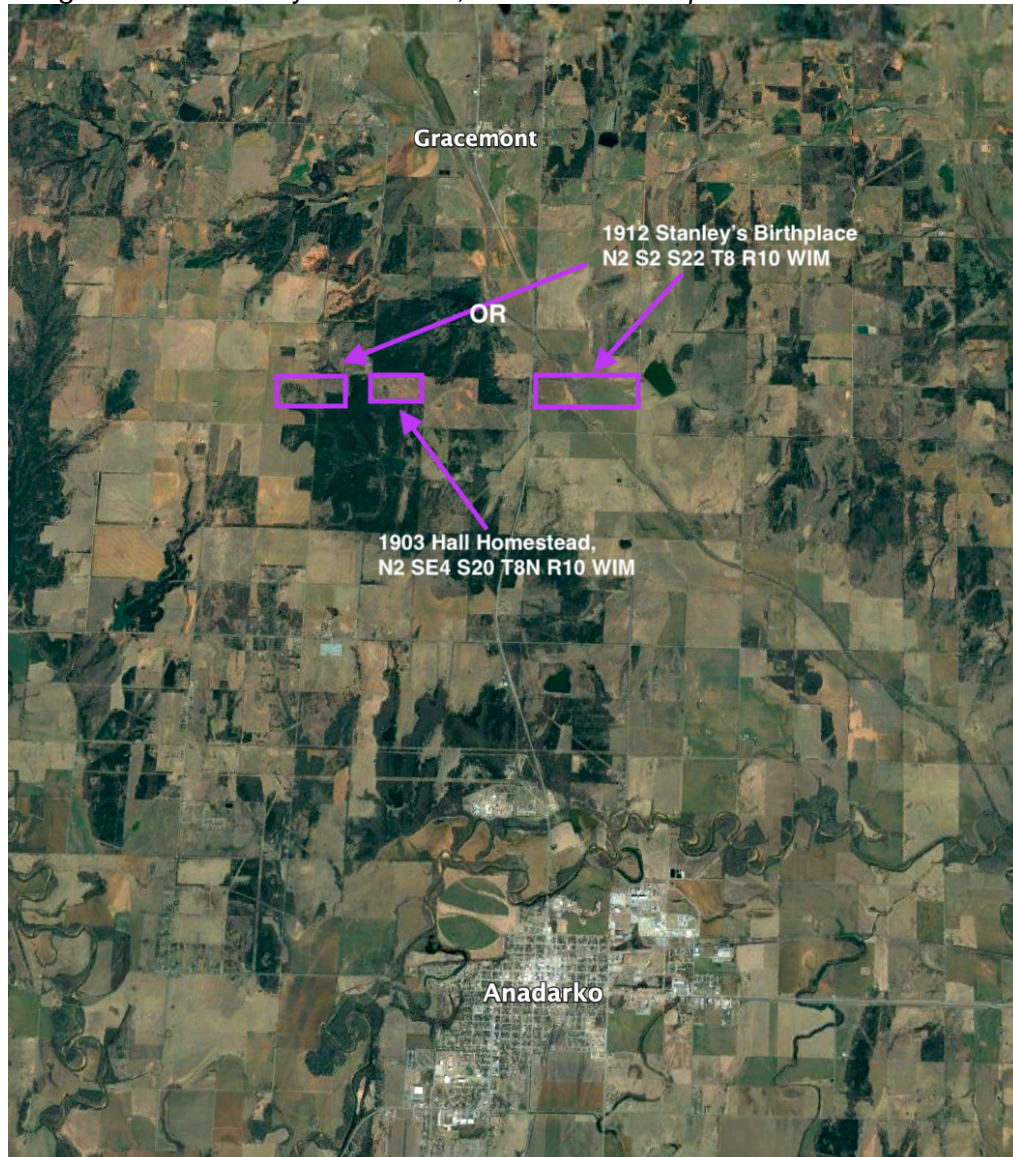


Figure 45: L to R: Rubey, J. W. Ridley, Winnie Ridley, Ruth, Harrel Ridley in front of Ruth, Maud [Shackleford] Ridley, Rosa, About 1921

## Stanley's Birth

"This is William Stanley Hall. I was born March 13, 1912, and I had a twin sister, Stella Jane Hall." He continued, "We were born on the Indian Reservation about 3 1/2 miles southwest of Gracemont, Oklahoma. Our birth certificate shows our birth place as Gracemont because that was where we got our rural mail from. We were born in a sod house on the Wichita Indian reservation on what is now known as the Bertha Pickard place. I was named after Levi's [Beardsley] dad, William Beardsley and Stella was named after Mrs. Beardsley. There was a preacher at the Indian mission named Stanley. That's where I got my middle name."

According to one of Stanley's accounts, "the old Pickard place" is located **east** of the main



**Figure 46: Map Showing Stanley's Possible Birthplace**

highway between Anadarko and Gracemont east of the homestead. The location also must be fairly near Camp Creek because the Wichita camp was located on Camp Creek, close to their location. That creek empties into Sugar Creek in Section 22. Bertha Pickard owned the North Half of the South half of that section which is a possible site of their second home in Caddo County and Stanley's birthplace.

But Bertha Pickard had interests in several tracts of land near the original Hall farm homesteaded by Stanley's parents. Pickard was heir to tracts in Sections 14, 20, 22, 23, 26, 28, and 29, all in Township 8N Range 10W. This makes it more difficult to pinpoint a particular location.

Other sources point to a location west of the Hall farm. Stanley's birth certificate shows the location as four miles southwest of Gracemont and in 1977 Stanley described his birthplace for the newspaper as five miles north and two miles west of Anadarko. In another interview, he described it as three and a half miles northwest of Gracemont. Both of those locations are west of the highway near his father's homestead and Camp Creek flows across both. At his retirement in 1977, Stanley told the newspaper that he was born "*...on the Wichita Reservation five miles north and two miles west of Anadarko.*" Since Bertha Pickard owned property all around the homestead, either description could be right, but the one west of the homestead seems most probable.

In 1910, the census taker indicated that Stanley's father, Elmer, was a 'General farmer' and that they were living on a rented farm, confirming the change in status from an owner to a renter and that Stanley was not born on the Hall homestead.

Stanley and Stella were the ninth and tenth children born to Levi Elmer Hall and Mary Mahala [Longenecker] Hall. Almost seventy years later he joked that he didn't know if he was the ninth or tenth child in his family, "*...neither does my twin sister.*" The first five children were born in Sumner County Kansas...<sup>59</sup>

6. Barbara Alberta 'Bobby,' 6 Apr 1896-4Jul 1985
7. Ruth Marie, 6 Jan 1898-26 May 1984
8. Mary June, 21 Jun 1899-10 Jul 1966
9. James Daniel 'Jim,' 25 Feb 1901-June 1978
10. Lewis Elmer, 19 Nov 1902 - 27 Jun 1983

The next three children were born at the original homestead just south and west of Gracemont near the future Anadarko Land Fill Road...<sup>60</sup>

11. Hazel Anna, 12 Mar 1905-5 Oct 1947
12. Clara Bell 'Ginny,' 24 Aug 1907-27 Jul 1999
13. Carl Edward, 11 Nov 1909-23 Oct 1979

Stanley and Stella were born in a sod house on Bertha Pickard's farm, possibly east and possibly west of the Hall homestead.

14. William Stanley 'Buddy,' 13 Mar 1912
15. Stella Jane 'Ted,' 13 Mar 1912

Another set of twins were born at 101 West Washington, in Anadarko after Elmer and Mary moved there in 1914. They both died soon after birth.<sup>61</sup>

16. Margaret, 16 Nov 1916
17. Marjory, 16 Nov 1916

Some of the children had nicknames that were used by family members; Stanley was called 'Buddy' by his siblings and some of my cousins still say 'Uncle Buddy.' People outside the family called him Stanley.

*"The Indians were superstitious and wanted mother and dad to kill one of us because twins were bad luck on the Indian Reservation. So, mother and dad moved to Anadarko when we were about 18 months old."*<sup>62 63</sup>



## Stanley's Birth

A notice in the March 13th Anadarko Tribune reads, "*Chief of Police Hefley, heeding the demands of the people who object to having their places overrun by neighbors' chickens, gives warning to chicken owners to keep them at home. This order will be enforced.*"<sup>64</sup>



**Figure 47: L TO R: Stanley, Stella, about October 1, 1912**

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## Family Homes 1914 - 1931

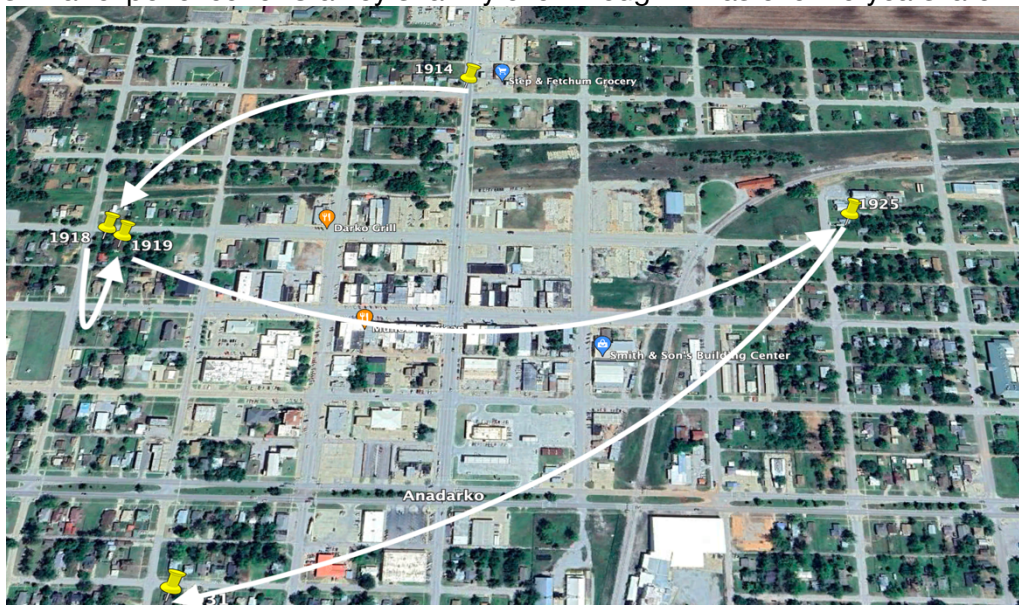
**1914:** Stanley's family moved from Bertha Pickard's place to Anadarko when he was still a baby, "...Mother and Dad moved to Anadarko when we were about 18 months old because of unrest among the Wichita Indians who lived near us."<sup>65</sup> This statement surprised me a little bit because it seemed like the primary reason for moving to town was the lower-than-expected income from farming. I tried to clarify and Stanley said, "*They moved because of...yeah because of the continued unrest among the Indians.*" When I asked him directly about earning a living on the farm, "*That was part of it too and dad needed to have more employment for [us] on account of having ten kids.*"<sup>66</sup>

Despite my misunderstanding, there is some evidence to support this story of "*unrest among the Indians.*"

- In August 1910, B. S. Dixon was riding his horse near Riverside school and was held at gunpoint by Sitting Bull number 5, who accused Dixon of being friends with the Kiowa Agent.<sup>67</sup> This incident was about 4 miles directly south of the Hall homestead.

- In 1913, William Lefthand, "*a Wichita Indian died in the Wichita Indian Camp about six miles north of [Anadarko].*"<sup>68</sup> In December 1912, Dave Haddon died at the same camp.<sup>69</sup> This location is within a half mile of the Hall homestead and the Bertha Pickard farm identified on the map.

Anna Fait described her experience with a death among the Indians in 1888, "...all night long, the horrible, blood curdling death cry and the beat of the tom-tom filled the air." I imagine it was a similar experience for Stanley's family even though it was over 25 years later.



**Figure 48: Recap of Stanley's Childhood Homes**

Regardless of the exact reason, they settled in a house, "...across the railroad tracks from Hammert's Grocery...It was a whole block away from Hammert's. That would be Washington Street and it was on the corner. That is 101 West Washington."<sup>70</sup>



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**Figure 49: 101 West Washington**

took the top story off and made a larger one-story house and used it for one of his rent properties."<sup>71</sup> The location Stanley describes has a newer house on it now.<sup>72</sup>

Stanley's sisters, Marjory and Margaret were born at this location on November 16th, 1916, and both died the same day.

**1918:** In 1918, Stanley's family moved to 332 West Main, "Then we moved to 332 West Main which was a block, the west end of the block of the Avenue Hotel and only three blocks from downtown Anadarko. That was when I was about four or five years old."<sup>73</sup> I wondered if there were moving companies and how they carried furniture back then, "Oh yeah. They had regular drays back then, horse-drawn drays, and I imagine that's the way they moved. Maybe Dad had -- well he had a horse and buggy because he, of course, carried mail, or he had a team of mules, because he carried mail out in the country out of a buggy." They were only able to stay there a short time before



**Figure 51: 332 West Main With 330 in background 2022**

Stanley described the house where they first lived in Anadarko, "When we moved to town, we lived on Market Street about a block north of the tracks on the main street on what used to be called First Street. And then they changed it to Sixth Street and now I think it is moved back to First Street. In other words, it would be East Broadway and West Broadway from that street...we moved from that big two-story house and later a fella that I knew bought that house and



**Figure 50: Stanley on a Visit to Climax Kansas, About 1918**

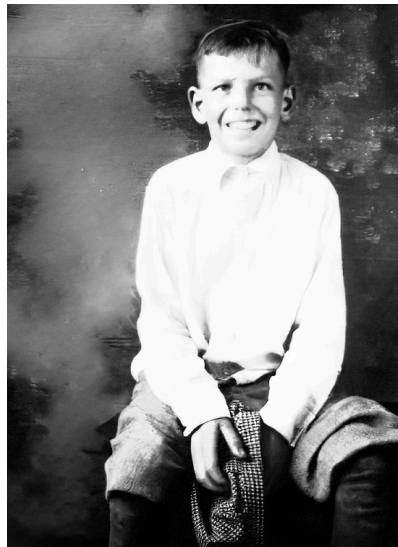
Stanley's dad defaulted on a new paving tax and the family was forced to move next door to 330 West Main, on account of high taxes when they paved the street in front of the house and the corner there -- why, the taxes were so high and so expensive there that mother and dad and all the neighbors lost their homes and had to move."<sup>74</sup> The paving tax was particularly high at the 332 address because it was on the corner and taxed for both streets. From the picture, it is a little hard to imagine Stanley's family of twelve living in this house.<sup>75</sup>

**1920 Move to 330 West Main:** They were at the 330 West Main address when Jennie Davis came by to take the census on January 17th, 1920. Stanley's father was a mail carrier. The census confirms that all twelve members of the family were living here and that they all could read and write.<sup>76</sup> Stanley's sisters were working, Ruth as a cashier at a menswear store and June as a housekeeper. The rest of the children were in school.

The photo of the house is from Google Maps.<sup>77</sup>



**Figure 52: 330 West Main with 332 in Background 2022**



**Figure 53: Stanley, About 1920**  
**\*Photo by Mary June Hall**



## Stanley's Childhood



**Figure 55: Stanley's Mother & Sisters: Standing L to R: Mary June, Ruth Marie, Barbara Alberta, Hazel Anna; Seated L to R: Stella Jane, Mary Mahala, Clara Bell, About 1922**



**Figure 54: Stanley's Father & Brothers: L to R: James Daniel, William Stanley, Levi Elmer, Carl Edward, Lewis Elmer, About 1922**

**1924 Move to 501 East Main:** About 1924 Elmer and Mary moved their family to the east part of town according to Stanley's story, *"We moved to what was then known as Pearl Run East Main. That was a block north of the East Grade and high school combination."*<sup>78</sup> That location has a trailer house on it today. I haven't been able to find any information about 'Pearl



**Figure 56: 501 East Main**

Run' and perhaps I am hearing it wrong from the original tape. This location at 501 E Main was about two blocks from the fairgrounds where Elmer kept a cow on pasture. Stanley and Carl took the cow back and forth twice a day for milking, *"When we moved down in the east end dad bought a jersey cow and we pastured it out on the fairgrounds where the Indians now have their annual summer camp. They had a camp there during our county fair every year and we had to take the cow off that pasture. While she was*

*grazing, we kids went back and forth to get the cow, take her out in the morning put her on pasture and then come back home in the evening. She just dragged the rope along. She knew where she was going. We had no trouble with that."* In 1940, this property was listed for rent and described as *"...four room modern apartment, garage, \$15.00 per month."* That doesn't seem big enough.

Marketing wasn't a strong point for the owner of the corner grocery at 205 East Main in Anadarko according to William Stanley Hall, *"It seems like there was a little grocery on every corner in Anadarko. Momma sent Hazel to the corner store owned by Alexander. He was a pretty good ole Joe. Momma always bought something there. Anyway, she sent Hazel for something and he said he didn't carry this anymore. Hazel came home and told Momma and she asked 'Why did he say he didn't carry it anymore?' Hazel said 'He said he had to re-order it too often.'*"<sup>79</sup>

**1925:** Stanley celebrated his birthday on Friday the thirteenth thirteen times during his life...

1914	1931	1942	1959	1970	1987	1998
1925	1936	1953	1964	1981	1992	

He remembered his 1925 birthday and joked, *"My thirteenth birthday was on Friday the thirteenth and I have had nothing but good luck ever since then."*

On December 11th Stanley's dad died, *"The People of Anadarko were shocked last Saturday morning when they heard of the untimely death of Elmer Hall, the popular mail carrier on Route Two in Anadarko."* Rosemary Hall reports, *"In 1925 he became very ill and died. The doctor thought it was a ruptured appendix. Later, as 6 of the 10 children had aneurysms (June, Ruth, Lewis, Carl, Clara, and Stella), the family became convinced that Levi died of an aneurysm."*<sup>80</sup>

I heard the same story about aneurysms from my Aunt Clara Hall. Stanley had a different memory of it in 1997, *"Dad had, I guess, appendicitis and the appendix broke and he had...oh what do you call it when you have blood poison? Anyhow, it turned poison and he died a horrible death because he didn't want to be operated on."*<sup>81</sup>

Stanley's dad had a lasting influence on his life; about 75 years later, he told me, *"When Dad died, I lost the best friend I ever had."*<sup>82</sup>



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**1930 Census:** On April 7th, Harry Shaffer came by Stanley's house at 501 East Main to record the family in the U.S. Census. The address at that time was called 201 North Tenth. Four of the Hall children were living there at the time: Jim, Hazel, Stanley and Stella. Jim was a clerk at a filling station and Hazel was a bookkeeper in a clothing store, probably Youngheim's. They lived next door to Bernice Oliver, Stanley and Stella's classmate and friend.



**Figure 57: 216 West Kentucky, 2022**

**1931 Move to 216 West Kentucky:**<sup>83</sup> Sometime between January 1931 when Stanley was located on East Main by the school census<sup>84</sup> and March 1932 when Stella hosted a dance at 216 West Kentucky,<sup>85</sup> the family moved. It was six years after Stanley's father died.

Note that this house is just one block south of Stanley and Rubey's eventual house on Central.

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## Playing

Stanley had a wind-up toy that he kept and gave to me. It is a bit rusty now and the mechanism doesn't work anymore.<sup>86</sup>



**Figure 58: Stanley's Childhood Windup Toy**

Stanley also had a hand-carved top that he played with as a child and I don't know where it is. The wooden body was tapered from top to bottom and a nail was driven into the bottom. This nail was sharpened for competition. The top was wrapped with a string from bottom to top and thrown with the point up; it turned over in the air and hit with the point down. He told

me, "*With a lot of practice we got pretty good with a top. You can throw them from a ways back and hit the other guy's top with the point and split it. If you have the last top left, you win.*"

There was also a running game that required a metal hoop and a wooden stick that his father taught him and that Stanley taught me and my brothers when we were old enough. According to Wikipedia, it is called 'Hoop Rolling,' "*The aim of the game is to keep the hoop upright for long periods of time, or to do various tricks.*"<sup>87</sup> I think the objective in our case, and probably in Stanley's case, was to burn off excess energy. The picture is from eHive.com.<sup>88</sup>



**Figure 59: Hoop Rolling Example**



### Church

**1923:** On the first of April, Stanley joined the Presbyterian Church upon his profession of faith.<sup>89</sup> In the Presbyterian tradition, he had already joined the church when he was baptized as an infant. This occasion was an affirmation at the age of 11 when he was old enough to make his own choice. Stanley was interviewed by either Lora Lee Liles or Avis Brower in 1980 for a 'Presbyterian Profile' and said he had never lived nor worked more than six blocks from the Anadarko Presbyterian Church.<sup>90</sup>

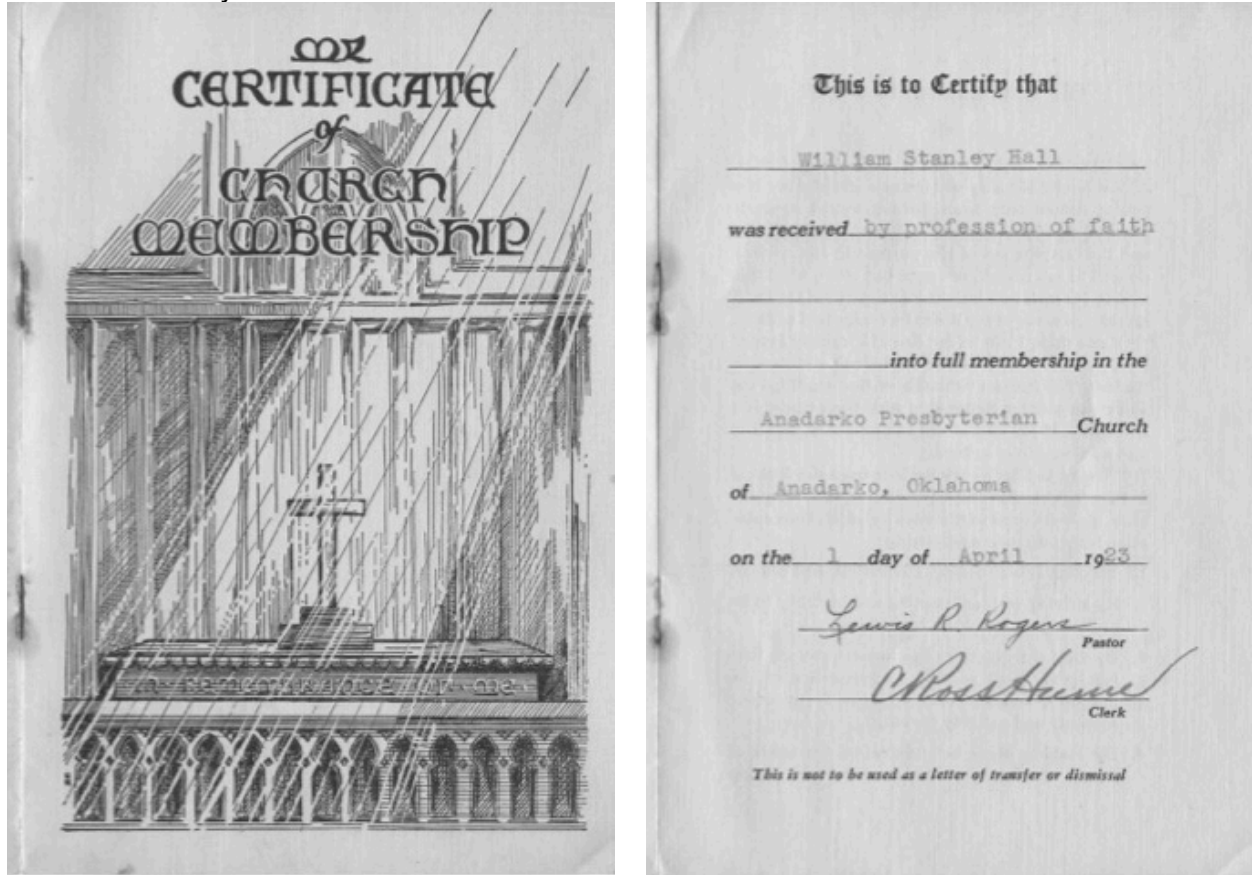


Figure 60: Stanley's Certificate of Church Membership

### School

There is very little surviving information about Stanley's school years, other than information he gave me and the Anadarko School census, *"I was a medium student. I was better in high school than I was in grade school because I played too much in grade school."*<sup>91</sup>

**1917-1918, Kindergarten:** Stanley said he was a sickly child, *"And when I was a little kid...I didn't tell you this. Even before I started school, why I was skinny and they didn't expect me to live. Old Dr. Kerley said, I was taking all kinds of tonics and everything, you know, that had been recommended. Dr. Kerley said, 'If you want this kid to live, you'd better make some home brew and have him drink about a half a glass of home brew before every meal, morning, noon and night.' It has yeast in it and that yeast is what gave my...my body accepted that kind of tonic. So, dad made beer for me from then on until...and supervised by mother. She always supervised. I only got a half a glass. So, when dad died, he had a batch of beer a'settin' and*

after he died, why, it came ready to bottle. And so, mother helped me bottle it. From then on I made my own home brew." Now Stanley's beer-making crock supports a table in our back yard. The top is a slab of pecan from Mary Leigh Baird's back yard. I suspect that this is the original crock that my grandfather used before Stanley.

Stanley started school in early September 1917 when he was 5 1/2 years old. According to Stanley they lived at 332 West Main, "That was one block south of the West Grade school

building. Stella and I started school when we were five years old and our first-grade teacher's name was Miss Lowther. I'm not sure about the spelling. We went to school there two years..."<sup>92 93</sup> According to the American-Democrat, Mrs. Linna Lowther taught, "beginners and other 'B' first grade pupils" at the west side school.<sup>94</sup> I assume Stanley and Stella were in the 'Beginners' category, something similar to kindergarten today. Mrs. Lowther was a primary teacher in Anadarko as early as 1907.<sup>95</sup>

Nine out of ten Hall children were in Anadarko Schools for the 1918 census. Now 22 years old, Barbara was no longer in school.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. and NAME <u>#13 Anadarko</u>				
YEAR <u>1918</u>			CADDY COUNTY, OKLAHOMA	
Name of Parent				
(or guardian): <u>L. E. Hall</u>			Address: _____	
		Date of	Place of	
Name of Pupil	Sex	Birth	Age	Birth
Ruth Hall	F	1/6/1898	20	
June Hall	F	6/21/1899	18	
James Hall	M	2/25/1901	16	
Lewis Hall	M	10/11/1902	15	
Hazel Hall	F	3/13/1905	12	
Clara Hall	F	8/24/1907	10	
Karl Hall	M	11/11/1909	8	
Stanley Hall	M	3/13/1912	5	
Stella Hall	F	3/13/1912	5	
Signed by <u>Mrs. Mary M. Hall</u>			Dated <u>1/19</u>	
Enumerator <u>M. D. Miller</u>				

Figure 61: Anadarko School Census, 1918



Figure 62: Stanley's Crock 2024

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*School started on September 9th, "There are no finger prints left by the children last year on the doors, facings, desks or windows to be seen. All have been removed by fresh coats of finishing material. Windows have been washed and the floors oiled. Rooms in which the woodwork has been refinished and the desks revarnished look as if they had never been used. The old cracked window curtains are rapidly being replaced by new folding duck shades that are adjustable from either top or bottom, and the light thus properly regulated is reflected by clean, appropriately tinted walls, thus assisting materially in the proper care of the eyes and the general health of the children."<sup>96</sup>*

There was a parade on April 6th that started just north of the school and headed east toward the downtown.<sup>97</sup> The parade was staged for the Anniversary of National Declaration of war. The paper reported that, "5000 School Children Will March in Big Loyalty Parade at 11:00 a. m."

**1918-1919, First Grade:** Since there are 13 years between Stanley's first year kindergarten at age 5 and graduation, I assume Stanley's second year was with Mrs. Lowther's 'B' first grade starting in early September, 1918. Mr. J. M. Phillips was principal of the West Side School.

According to the Superintendent's Report of November 20th, "The records are being modernized by means of a card index system. The State Department of Education also advises a ledger record form in addition to the above, same to be kept in a vault as a protection against fire."<sup>98</sup>



**Figure 63: Map Showing Stanley's Home & Grade School. 1918**

**1919-1920, Second Grade:**

There is a little bit of conflicting information about this school year. Stanley said that he attended the west side school for two years which might indicate that he went to the east side school after that; but in 1919 his family still lived one block away from the west side school and he later stated that the moved happened between 2nd and 3rd grades which makes sense given the census data and location. Stanley started the second grade at the east building with Mrs.

Rubendall as his teacher.<sup>99</sup> J.

M. Phillips was the principal and was re-hired for the next year in June.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. and NAME <u>#13 Anadarko</u> 93					
YEAR <u>1919</u> CADDY COUNTY, OKLAHOMA					
Name of Parent _____					
(or GUARDIAN): <u>L. E. Hall</u> ADDRESS: <u>Anadarko</u>					
Date of _____ Place of _____					
Name of Pupil	Color	Sex	Birth	Age	Birth
June Hall	W	F	6/21/1899	19	
James D. Hall	W	M	2/25/1901	17	
Louis E. Hall	W	M	10/11/1902	16	
Hazel Hall	W	F	3/12/1905	13	
Clara Hall	W	F	8/24/1907	11	
Carl Hall	W	M	11/11/1909	9	
Stella Hall	W	F	3/13/1912	6	
Stanley Hall	W	M	3/13/1912	6	
Signed by <u>L. E. Hall</u> Dated <u>1/18</u>					
Enumerator <u>Henry Fingloff</u>					

**Figure 64: Anadarko School Census, 1919**

The annual Caddo County school parade formed at Stanley's school on April 10th. Prizes were given based on the percent participation of the school. Children with flags were encouraged to participate, *"So, get ready boys and girls. Talk it over with your teachers and your parents and plan to make April 10th the biggest school rally ever held in Caddo County."* Adults also participated, *"...grease your wagons and oil your Fords and prepare to bring every man, woman and child in your district..."*<sup>100</sup>

The family moved to East Main, *"That was when -- between second and third grade. So, when we went to school -- six, seven -- so it was between our starting school at the end of our second grade which we would be seven years old and sometime before we were eight years old."*<sup>101</sup>

**Figure 65: Caddo County Tribune Advertised a one-horse Hay Press**

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. and NAME <u>#13 Anadarko</u> 100					
YEAR <u>1920</u> CADDY COUNTY, OKLAHOMA					
Name of Parent _____					
(or GUARDIAN): <u>L. E. Hall</u> ADDRESS: _____					
Date of _____ Place of _____					
Name of Pupil	Color	Sex	Birth	Age	Birth
James Hall	W	M	2/25/1901	18	
Louis Hall	W	M	10/10/1902	17	
Hazel Hall	W	F	3/12/1905	14	
Clara Hall	W	F	8/24/1907	12	
Carl Hall	W	M	11/10/1909	10	
Stella Hall	W	F	3/13/1912	7	
Stanley Hall	W	M	3/13/1912	7	
Signed by <u>Mrs. L. E. Hall</u> Dated <u>1/23</u>					
Enumerator <u>M. D. Miller</u>					

**Figure 66: Anadarko School Census, 1920**



## Stanley's Childhood

**1920-1921, Third Grade:** There was no school census found for 1921. Stanley's memory of the move and the family home at 401 East Main agree that he probably attended school on the east side starting in September 1920. His third-grade teacher was Miss Lucile Kimbrough.<sup>102</sup> It was about two blocks from the house on East Main to Stanley's new school.



Figure 67: Sanborn Map Showing Home at 401 E Main & School

All grade school students who attended school were on the first floor. According to instructions and usual practice, each grade was assigned a route to their classroom, "...third grade, west entrance, southwest room; fourth grade, west entrance, northwest room; fifth grade, first section, south entrance, center room on south side..."<sup>103</sup> Stanley would have walked through these doors on the way to class each day. In the third and fourth grades he passed under the glassed-in third floor cupola which must have been spectacular.

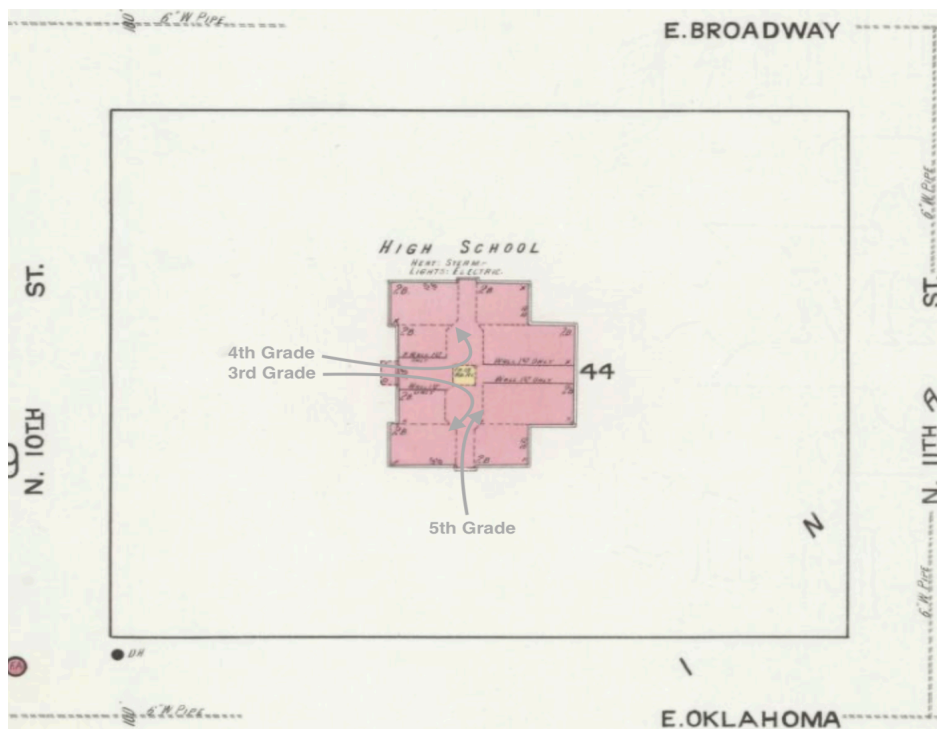


Figure 68: East Side School Block from 1908 Sanborn Map





**Figure 69: Anadarko East Side School, About 1915**

This is the East Side School where Stanley started attending classes in 1920. Part of the lower grades were in this building because it was the only space available; it was originally built to be a high school. The school faced the west toward North 10th Street, now called East 5th Street.

**1921-1922, Fourth Grade:** The American-Democrat indicated that the first four grades were split between the west and east schools based on 5th street at that time;<sup>104</sup> Stanley lived on the east side of 5th and attended the East school. A second article on August 31 indicates that final teacher assignments had been made with Mrs. G. W. Rubendall as Stanley's fourth grade teacher but the report card indicates that his teacher was Eva B. West, "*The first five grades will occupy the rooms on the first floor...fourth grade [will use] west entrance, northwest room*".<sup>105</sup>

In June, the board of education advertised for bids on "*three cars of lump coal*" for delivery to the east and west school buildings.<sup>106</sup> Two additional rooms were added to the basement of Stanley's school, "*This improvement, while not exactly pointing the way out of the crowded-school dilemma, may help some.*"

In 1922, Stanley and all of his classmates had a medical checkup conducted by a nurse. Out of the 427 students the most frequently mentioned problems were...

- 84 students with throat trouble
- 34 with dental problem
- 37 with nose problem
- 27 with vision problems

Seventy-three students were referred to a physician after the checkup.<sup>107</sup>

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The fourth-grade report card is the only evidence found regarding Stanley's performance in school. It looks like he made all As and Bs in the fourth grade. It is a little difficult to read but it looks like two terms and each term is broken into two periods, probably nine weeks each. That makes a total of about 180 days of classwork in the fourth grade. The third row in each term is an average of the two nine-week periods above and the last column looks like averages across all classes.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. and NAME #13 Anadarko 381 744  
 YEAR 1922 CADDY COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
 Name of Parent \_\_\_\_\_  
 (or GUARDIAN): L. E. Hall ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pupil	Color	Sex	Date of Birth	Age	Place of Birth
Lewis Hall		M	10/11/1901 <sup>(10/10/02)</sup>	20	
Hazel Hall		F	3/12/1915	16	
Clara Hall		F	8/21/1907 <sup>(8/24/02)</sup>	14	
Carl Hall		M	11/11/1909 <sup>(11/10)</sup>	12	
Stella Hall		F	3/13/1912	9	
Stanley Hall		M	3/13/1912	9	
James		M	2/25/1901	19	

Signed by Mrs. L. E. Hall Dated 1/18  
 Enumerator M. D. Miller

Figure 70: 1922 Anadarko School Census

REPORTS

REPORTS	Arithmetic	Drawing	Dict. Sol.	Map. Tr.	Geograp.	Gram.	Hist.	Spelling	Reading	Av.
FIRST TERM	50	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80
SECOND TERM	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80
PROMOTED TO	CLASS									GR.
TEACHER										
SCHOOL	GRADE									CLASS
Av.	50									80
PROMOTED TO	CLASS									GR.
TEACHER										

A - Between 100 and 90, Excellent.  
 B - 90 to 80, Good.  
 C - 80 to 70, Fair.  
 D - Below 70, Poor - Failure.

Should you at any time find any conditions, the principal or the superintendent, will be glad to give you the information.  
 Please sign and return card to teacher promptly.

Signature of Parents  
 1st Report L. E. Hall  
 2nd Report L. E. Hall  
 3rd Report Mrs. L. E. Hall  
 4th Report L. E. Hall  
 5th Report L. E. Hall  
 6th Report \_\_\_\_\_  
 7th Report \_\_\_\_\_  
 8th Report \_\_\_\_\_  
 9th Report \_\_\_\_\_

Form C. Webb Pub. Co.

Figure 71: Stanley's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Report Card

Out of the eight classes it looks like Stanley averaged between 90 and 100 on all of them in the first term and seven of them in the second term. Only a B+ in Arithmetic prevented him from a perfect score. The subjects and grades that I can read include...

Subject	1st Term	2nd Term
Arithmetic.....	A.....	B+.....
Drawing.....	A.....	A.....
Geography.....	A.....	A.....
Grammar.....	A.....	A.....
Music.....	A.....	A.....
Unreadable.....	A.....	A.....
Unreadable.....	A.....	A.....
Unreadable.....	A.....	A.....

Stanley was recommended for promotion to fifth grade.

**1922-1923, Fifth Grade:** In 1922 there were only three grade school teachers: Mrs. M. S. Hampton, Clare Pedigo and Mrs. Eva West.<sup>108</sup> Stanley's teacher could have been any one of them.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. and NAME #13 Anadarko 560

YEAR 1923 CADDO COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

Name of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

(or GUARDIAN): L. E. Hall ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pupil	Color	Sex	Date of Birth	Age	Place of Birth
Lewis Hall		M	11/11/1902	20	
Hazel Hall		F	3/12/1905	17	
Clara Hall		F	8/24/1907	15	
Carl Hall		M	10/11/1909	13	
Stanley Hall		M	3/13/1912	10	
Stella Hall		F	3/13/1912	10	

Signed by L. E. Hall Dated 1/18

Enumerator M. D. Miller

Figure 72: Anadarko School Census, 1923

The Square Top school district number 67 was annexed to Anadarko in September and continued as a one-room grade school at that location. T. F. Cummings published a notice of a new corporation to be formed called, The American Savings and Loan Association with a capital stock of \$500,000.<sup>109</sup> This corporation was to become a big part of Stanley's life many years later.

## Stanley's Childhood

**1923-1924, Sixth Grade:** "All fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade pupils must report to the west building." In September 1924, Stanley started in the 6th grade at the west side school.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. and NAME #13 Anadarko 91  
 YEAR 1924 CADDO COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
 Name of Parent \_\_\_\_\_  
 (or GUARDIAN): L. E. Hall ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pupil	Color	Sex	Birth	Age	Birth
Hazel Hall		F	3/12/1905	18	
Clara Hall		F	8/24/1907	16	
Carl Hall		M	11/11/1910	13	
Stella Hall		F	3/12/1912	11	
Stanley Hall		M	3/12/1912	11	

Signed by Mrs. Mary M. Hall Dated 1/17  
 Enumerator M. D. Miller

Figure 73: Anadarko School Census, 1924

His teacher was either Alberta Carr or Roberta Carter.<sup>110</sup> This was about a seven-block walk from home on East Main.

In October, the west side school principal, J. M. Phillips reported 515 students attending classes, 234 boys and 281 girls, Attendance for the month was 96% and "There were 80 cases of tardiness, with 276 pupils neither absent nor tardy. Only one case of corporal punishment was reported."<sup>111</sup> The use of corporal punishment was common at this time, "The

Principal of the east end school has a nice thin paddle that he sometimes tames the boys with. Some of the girls got hold of the paddle and wrote on it in big letters, 'The Board of Education.' Up to last account the teacher had not found out who did the writing."<sup>112</sup>

In about 1924, Stanley's dad gave him a semi-automatic 22 rifle. He told me that he shot leaves and turtles in the Washita River. He also shot bullfrogs some. At the bottom of Indian City hill, there is a cave and Stanley shot his initials into the sand rock above that cave. It is a Remington 22 caliber model 24, serial number 12064 by Remington Arms Company Ilion Works. It carries a Browning patent from 1916. A check of serial numbers at the Remington Society shows that the rifle was probably made in 1922. If it was new, then perhaps Stanley got it earlier than he remembered.<sup>113</sup>

**1924-1925, Seventh Grade:** According to The American-Democrat of August 20th, Stanley's seventh grade class was held at the high school on the east side of town. He would have had multiple teachers

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. and NAME #13 Anadarko 305  
 YEAR 1925 CADDO COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
 Name of Parent \_\_\_\_\_  
 (or Guardian): L. E. Hall Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pupil	Color	Sex	Birth	Age	Birth
Hazel Hall		F	3/12/1905	19	
Clara Hall		F	8/24/1907	17	
Carl Hall		M	11/11/1910	14	
Stella Hall		F	3/12/1912	12	
Stanley Hall		M	3/12/1912	12	

Signed by Mrs. L. E. Hall Dated 1/19  
 Enumerator M. D. Miller

Figure 74: Anadarko School Census, 1925

during the day including some or all of these...<sup>114</sup>

Gladys Gates .....American History and Government  
 Mrs. D. S. Popejoy .....Theory of Music  
 Ruby Preddy or Faye Lugenbyhl .....English  
 Grace Dickey .....Latin  
 Gladys Jackson .....History  
 Werdna Dinwiddie .....Mathematics  
 Althea Breedlove .....Home Economics  
 Neva Shultz .....Science

**1925-1926, Eighth Grade:** Stanley started eighth grade on Monday September 7th at the east school. For the first time, individual teachers were identified at the junior high level.

Faculty announced by board of education were...<sup>115</sup>

Mrs. R. L. Lawrence .....Fine Arts  
 Althea Breedlove .....Home Economics  
 Mabel Dowell .....English  
 Beulah Clodfelter .....Mathematics and English  
 Lorena Kindred .....History and Spanish

I couldn't find the 1926 school census.

**1926-1927, Freshman:** The ninth grade was considered high school when Stanley started in early September 1926. The high school faculty was announced in late August...<sup>116</sup>

F. A. Lee .....Principal  
 Miss Grace Dicky .....English and Latin  
 Miss Mabel Dowell .....English  
 Mrs. Jed Johnson .....History  
 Mrs. R. L. Lawrence .....Music  
 Miss Bess Lee Beddo .....Home Economics  
 Miss Henrietta Van Tungein .....Spanish and Science

As a freshman, Stanley read 'A Tour on the Prairies' by Washington Irving. He wrote his name, class and phone number on the inside cover.<sup>117</sup> It looks more like something Stella would have done.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. and NAME		#13 Anadarko		226-810	
YEAR		1927		CADDIS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA	
Name of Parent (or Guardian):		Mrs. L. E. Hall		Address:	
		Date of Birth		Place of Birth	
Name of Pupil	Color	Sex	Birth	Age	Birth
Clara Hall	W	F	8/24/1907	19	
Carl Hall		M	11/11/1909	17	
Stella Hall		F	3/13/1912	14	
Stanley Hall		M	3/13/1912	14	
Signed by Mrs. Mary M. Hall		Date		1/21	
Enumerator		M. D. Miller			

Figure 75: Anadarko School Census, 1927



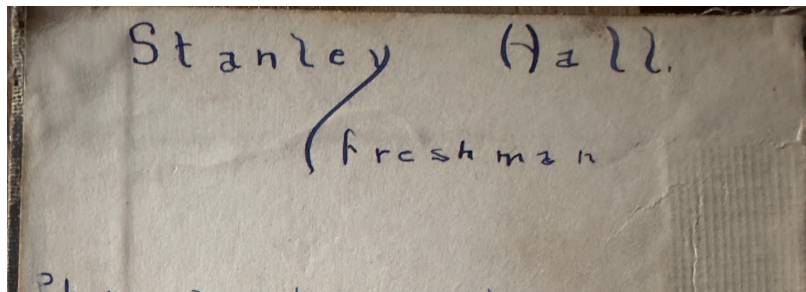
## Stanley's Childhood

On Tuesday January 25th, 1927, the town voted more than three to one to build a new high school facing fourth street east of the existing west side grade school. The bond to be issued was for \$60,000.<sup>118</sup> The school board advertised for bids starting just two weeks later on February 16th.<sup>119</sup> A. M. Thompson of Anadarko won the bid and was awarded the contract; his bid was \$45,550, not including plumbing and electrical work. Another local contractor, P & C Electric Shop on East Broadway was hired to wire the building.<sup>120</sup> Ground was broken and construction started on March 28th, "*This new building has been planned along the very latest type of architecture. It is a unit planned building that can very easily be added to in the future when more room is required. Clay Riggins, who designed the building, made an extensive investigation into the later types of school buildings and states that the arrangement of the rooms is ideal for a structure of this kind.*"<sup>121</sup>

This new high school building is where I spent the first three years of high school before graduating from the 'new' new high school on South Mission in 1967.

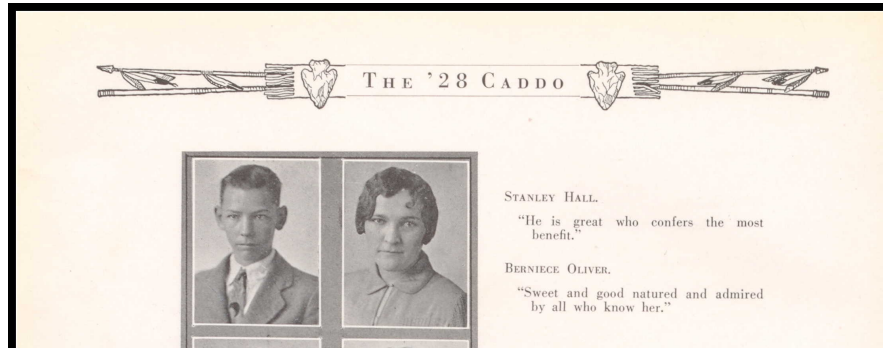


**Figure 77: New High School, From 1961 Yearbook**



**Figure 76: Stanley's Name Inside Book Cover**

**1927-1928, Sophomore:** Stanley and his classmates enrolled at the new high school on September 1st. I didn't find Stanley in the 1928 school census. He would have been a sophomore starting in September 1928.



**Figure 78: Stanley's Sophomore Picture, 1928**

The high school faculty was announced at the end of August...<sup>122</sup>

F. A. Lee.....	Principal
Grace Dickey .....	English and Latin
Mabel Dowell .....	English and History
Mona Smith.....	History and Public Speaking
Bess Lee Beddo .....	Home Economics
Henrietta Von Tungeln .....	Science and Modern Language
Helen Edwards.....	Music
Edgar Brady .....	Coach and Mathematics

**1928-1929, Junior:** Stanley was in the junior class along with 57 other classmates.<sup>123</sup> Some of the names are familiar to me because I heard their names around our house...

- |                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| • David Brack        | • Paul Methvin    |
| • George Conover     | • Bernice Oliver  |
| • Dorothy Hume       | • Juanita Tarpley |
| • Wilburn Law        | • Arthur Wilkin.  |
| • May Adele McFadyen |                   |

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. and NAME		#13 Anadarko		301	
YEAR		1929		CADDO COUNTY, OKLAHOMA	
Name of Parent (or Guardian):		Mrs. Hall		Address:	
Name of Pupil		Color	Sex	Date of Birth	Age
Carl Hall	W	M	11/11/1909	19	
Stanley Hall	W	M	3/13/1912	16	
Stella Hall	W	F	3/13/1912	16	
Signed by		Mrs. Mary M. Hall		Dated 1/26	
Enumerator		F. W. Fagg			

**Figure 79: Anadarko School Census, 1929**

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES	
Levi C. Beardsley, Cephas Marcellia Kelly, William M. Byrd, Basil L. Cherry, Arthur Paul Cook, Perry H. Corbin, Troy H. Shelby, F. R. Harrison jr., Otis D. Ashlock, Howard V. Elliott, J. C. Halsey, David Brack, George Conover, Robert Chambers, Alvida Harrison, Paul Methvin, Thomas Pratt, Alvin Williams, Stanley Hall, Dorothy Anne Hume, Dorothy Frances Gibbs, Myrtle Deane Edens, Vivian E. Ports, Eleanor M. Brabant, Roberta R. Lawrence, Mildred I. Murphy, Caroline J. Dutcher, Juanita V. Tarpley, Willa R. Angell, Lena Sarah Rogers, Esther Niles, Ruth E. Wright, Myrtle M. Proctor, Doris B. Cooper, Nora Josephine Gilbert, Bernice Oliver, Stella Hall, Elizabeth Rowena Campbell, Lillie Mae McAllister, Ruby Rosetta Ferguson, Oma Kirkendall, Irma Morgan, Mayadel McFadyen, Betty Lee Smith.	

Figure 80: 1930 Anadarko Graduates

confirms that it is probably the 1930 census.

School started on September 3rd and Stanley's teachers were...<sup>124</sup>

J. T. Riley	Principal and Mathematics
Grace Dickey	English and Latin
Henrietta Von Tungein	Modern Languages
Merl Barry	Science
Thelma Leitner	History
Nadine Cunningham	Home Economics
Edgar Brady	Coach

**1929-1930, Senior:** When Stanley entered his senior year, J. T. Riley was Superintendent and J. E. Walraven was the principal. Teachers at the high school were...

Edgar Brady	Athletic Coach
Grace Dickey	English
Franca Campbell	Languages
Maxine Schlitt	History
Hazel Church	Music
Merl Barry	Science
Caroline Mannschreck	Home Economics

I didn't find a school census record for 1930 but Stanley was listed as a graduate.<sup>125</sup> The school census dated 1931, is probably the missing 1930 census and the year is a clerical error. Stanley's age

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. and NAME		#13 Anadarko	202
YEAR		1931	CADDO COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
Name of Parent (or Guardian):		Mary M. Hall	Address:
			Date of Birth
Name of Pupil	Color	Sex	Age
Stanley Hall	W	M	3/13/1912 18
Stella Hall	W	F	3/13/1912 18
Signed by		Mrs. Mary M. Hall	Dated 1/21
Enumerator		F. W. Fagg	

Figure 81: Anadarko School Census, 1931

Mid-May was a busy and exciting time for Stanley. The week started on Sunday May 11th at Baccalaureate<sup>126</sup> followed by the class day program on the 13th. There were three solos and the traditional class history, prophecy and will were read at Class Day. The Senior play was on the 14th<sup>127</sup> and graduation on the 16th.<sup>128</sup>

### *The Baccalaureate Services Were Well Attended Sunday Night*

The baccalaureate services for the senior class of 1930 of the Anadarko high school were held at the high school auditorium Sunday evening, May 11, at 8:15 o'clock.

The young ladies chosen as flower girls by the graduates were Mable Johnson and Beryl Karns, who led the processional. The mascots, Joan and Jean Loomis, followed.

The choir, chosen from the various churches of the city, rendered a number of beautiful selections.

Rev. Robert Lehew, Jr., of the First Methodist church delivered the baccalaureate address to the graduating class of forty-seven and a large and appreciative audience.

### **A. H. S. GRADUATION EXERCISES WILL BE HELD FRIDAY NIGHT**

**Large Class Will Receive Diplomas;  
Thomas A. Williams, Dean of  
O. C. U., Will Give Address.**

The high school graduation exercises will be held at the high school auditorium, Friday night, May 16, at 8 o'clock. An interesting and appropriate program has been carefully planned.

The commencement address will be delivered by Thomas A. Williams, dean of O. C. U. Following the address, Jack T. Riley, superintendent of city schools, will present the diplomas.

Following is the list of 1930 graduates: Willa Angell, Otis Ashlock, David Brack, Levi Beardsley, Eleanor Brabant, Maurice Byrd, Paul Cook, Basil Cherry, Doris Cooper, Perry Corbin, George Conover, Robert Chambers, Betty Campbell, Caroline Dutcher, Myrtle Deane Edens, Howard Elliott, Ruby Ferguson, Josephine Gilbert, Dorothy Gibbs, Stella Hall, Stanley Hall, Reginald Harrison, J. C. Halsey, Dorothy Hume, Alvida Harrison, Cephas Kelly, Roberta Lawrence, Oma Kirkendall, Irma Morgan, Mildred Murphy, Paul Methvin, May Adele McFadyen, Lillie Mae McAllister, Ed McClure, Esther Niles, Bernice Oliver, Thomas Pratt, Vivian Ports, Blue Eyes Proctor, Lena Rogers, Troy Shelby, Betty Lee Smith, Juanita Tarpley, Ruth Wright, Alvin Williams, Donald Williams, Joe Earl West.

Dorothy Hume has the honor of having made an A average for the four years of her high school work. This entitles her to membership in the National Honor Society.

Figure 82: 1930 Graduation Week

**"SQUARE CROOKS"**

**SENIOR PLAY**

High School Auditorium

**Tuesday, May 13**

**8:00 P. M.**

*Cast of Characters*

EDDIE ELLISON	Paul Methvin
KAY ELLISON, His Wife	Betty Lee Smith
LARRY SCOTT, His Friend	Warren Hamilton
JANE BROWN, Larry's Friend	Caroline Dutcher
BRIDGET O'ROURKE, Landlady	Betty Campbell
MIKE ROSS, a Gunman	Alvida Harrison
TIMOTHY HOGAN, a Police Sergeant	J. C. Halsey
HARRY WELCH, a Detective	David Brack
JOHN CLANCY, His Aide	Stanley Hall
MRS. PHILLIP CARSTON, a Society Leader	Myrtle Deane Edens
SORROW, the Maid	Roberta Lawrence

*Time and Place*

ACT I.—The Ellison apartment in O'Rourke's rooming house, New York City. Eight o'clock in the morning.

ACT II.—The same. Ten minutes Later.

ACT III.—The same. That evening.

TIME: The Present.

DIRECTOR—MRS. HERBERT MEETING

General Admission 35c. Reserved Seats 50c at A. & C. Drug Store.

Figure 83: Stanley in Senior Play, 1930





Figure 84: Stanley's Graduation Photo, 1930

## Childhood Friends

**1921:** In August, when they were 9 years old, Stanley and Stella went to a birthday party for Clifford Smith. Mary Leigh Baird, an important person in both Stanley and Rubey's lives was also at the party.<sup>129</sup>

**1926:** In July, Stanley and Stella attended another lawn party for Clifford Smith, "*Refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch were served. Celluloid windmills were given to the guests as favors.*" Thirty other guests were there.<sup>130</sup>

## Work

Stanley was proud of his work life and how he progressively earned the trust of people in Anadarko; as a result, he did business with them from childhood right through to retirement, "*The people, the farmers I knew when um, as I was growing up down there helping them wait on farmers bringing in their cream paid off in future life because as I advanced and got jobs later on in my life, why these same farmers knew me and trusted me and came to do business with me. One family especially that Gene will know is the Fait brothers and*

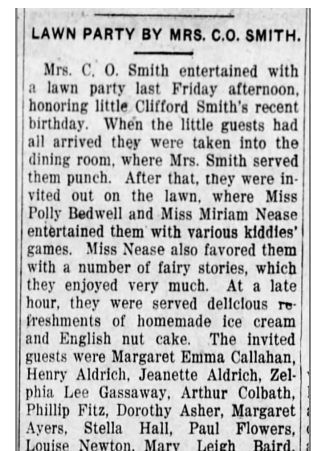


Figure 85: Clifford Smith Birthday, 1921

## Stanley's Childhood

*they always respected me and liked me a whole lot and they followed me everywhere I went and future jobs from there...they knew me at the county treasurer's office and school board and stuff like that. They would follow when I went to First State Bank, well they came there and started doing business. When I went down to the savings and loan in later life, they came there and did business too. And a lot of people I knew from the county treasurer's office or out in the county, followed me where I went to do their financial business.*"<sup>131</sup>

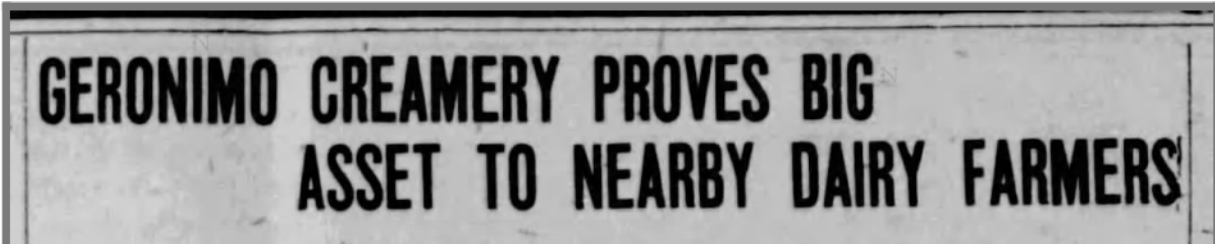
**1917:** When I was five years old, I sold papers on the street. Papers were three cents apiece at the time. There was an old one-legged guy called Peg Leg Woodruff and he got the papers from Oklahoman and Times. They sold for three cents and we got a penny for selling, he got a penny handling them and the paper got a penny for the paper. We'd sell papers on the...you know...down at the depot, around the depot. The news butch on the trains, they didn't like that and they'd run us off. So, we'd just go to the other side of the platform outside the station and sell them. Mr. Woodruff was...if you got a nickel for your paper, why, he wanted all of it. So, when you got down there to pay for your papers that you sold that day, he'd say, "Put all your money out here," and then he'd, if you sold 10 papers or 15 papers or 20 papers, he'd give you the 15 or 20 cents and he'd take all the tips. So, we kids got onto that and we had just in our pocket enough to pay for the papers that we sold. So, my stubbed toe that I can show you on my foot right now where my toenail is always thick; I have a hard time cutting it. It's been that way ever since before I started school. I stubbed it on a crack in the sidewalk and the last time I was in Anadarko, they hadn't redone that sidewalk and that crack was still there which was eight years ago; sometime back then."<sup>132 133</sup>

*"When I was selling papers, I put my own money in the bank and people would tease me 'cause I was little. I didn't know it then but I found later that they were teasing, said, 'You'd better put your money in the bank.' So, I did and then I was proud of my little savings book and I told them, 'I put my money in the bank' and they said, 'Well, you'd better get a job over there 'cause somebody will put their money on top of yours and you won't be able to get it out.' So, I took that seriously. I went over to the First State Bank and applied for a job. Mr. [Thomas] Kearse was very receptive to my idea and he told me, 'Just keep on working and study hard in school and be sure and study your math and everything and sometime maybe you'll get to work in the bank.'*"<sup>134</sup>

Stanley knew a man called 'Little Willie' who came to Anadarko occasionally from his house north of Gracemont, "He was so big that his buggy would try to tip over when he got in. So, a bunch of us would get on the other side of the buggy to hold it down while he got in." Little Willie's Caddo name was Cundokish. According to his 1925 obituary he weighed 636 pounds and measured six feet around, "He was a man of ordinary height, well-proportioned and intelligent. He was reserved in his conversation with only a few outside of his family." There is a picture of C. Ross Hume posing in Little Willie's pants probably at the Oklahoma Historical Society."<sup>135</sup>

**1924:** "During that time [March 1924] they build what was called the Geronimo Creamery. We went down and just kinda hung around there. Pretty soon they got confidence in Carl and I. When they churned and made butter, they would let us wrap it. That was to start out with and we got twenty cents apiece for wrapping 90 pounds of butter. In other words, we could wrap 90 pounds together, Carl and I could. That was in quarter pounds. that would be 360 cubes of butter and we could wrap 360 cubes together in 18 minutes. We kept on working around there. Finally, they let us help take in cream and milk, no cream, and we washed cans, the cream cans and all that, cleaning out and sterilizing. We gave them back to the farmers when they came back for their check. We finally learned how to test the cream for butter-fat content and that is the way the people were paid. Then that was churned into butter. The people who had Jersey and Guernsey cows, their cream would check 4 1/5 to 5% -- most of it around 5% -- hardly any

over five. Then if it was too sour, it was put into a pasteurizer and so much soda put in it to make it sweet. Then it went from the pasteurizer to the churn and [generally] had around a thousand to fourteen hundred pounds of butter in one churning. It was put in square boxes which held 90 pounds and then it was cut out."



**Figure 86: Geronimo Creamery Headline, July 10, 1924**

"One time at the creamery two fellas decided they wanted more money or something and they didn't get their raise, they quit and didn't go to work. They had a pasteurizer full of cream and they didn't go to work and they just hung the keys on the mailbox. Mr. Whittaker who owned the place, he came to school and we were taking final exams and uh they called me to the office. I went in there. I was scared because I wasn't really fully prepared for the next final I had to take for that year. So, I went to the office and the principal said I would be excused from all other exams and I would pass that year if I went with Mr. Whittaker and helped him out. So, I went over there to the creamery and I churned approximately twelve hundred pounds of butter that day. At the very end when I was completely through churning and salting and rinsing and rinsing and rinsing and then put the salt in and mixed it in real good and uh wash with water. The churn had a bad habit of catching and going backwards and I flipped the thing to keep it from going all the way back and it stopped. There was a little stop on it but I had my finger on it. And I mashed that finger." <sup>136 137</sup>

**1925:** Stanley recalled helping with the family finances after Elmer died, "I was 13 years old and I had been driving a delivery truck down at the creamery for about three years. I really started driving when I was about nine years old. I delivered butter to stores. They'd call and say, 'I want 50 pounds of butter.' Well, we had it done up in ten-pound packages. So, I'd get 50 pounds of butter and deliver it for the creamery. This was a part time job and we didn't make very much money but it was a little to help along."

**1929:** All of the children worked to help make ends meet. Stanley described their life during the Great Depression four years after Elmer died, "I drove the car. Dad had made a little box and taught me how to drive the car. And I put the little box behind me and I'd take Hazel and Aunt June and Aunt Ruth and every one of the older girls that was home, I'd take them to work in the morning and take the car back home. Then I'd get out of the car and run to school. At noon I'd go get the car, go get them, eat lunch, take them back to work, and take the car home and then run to school. That went on for a while and Klon Summers and Mr. Omer who lived...Mr. Omer lived catty corner across the street and Klon Summers lived a block west and a block south next to the corner in the same block where Mr. Omer lived. They had identical houses, bungalow



**Figure 87: Stanley Near Indian City, about 1928**





**Figure 88: Stanley & Klon Summers' Ford Sedan**

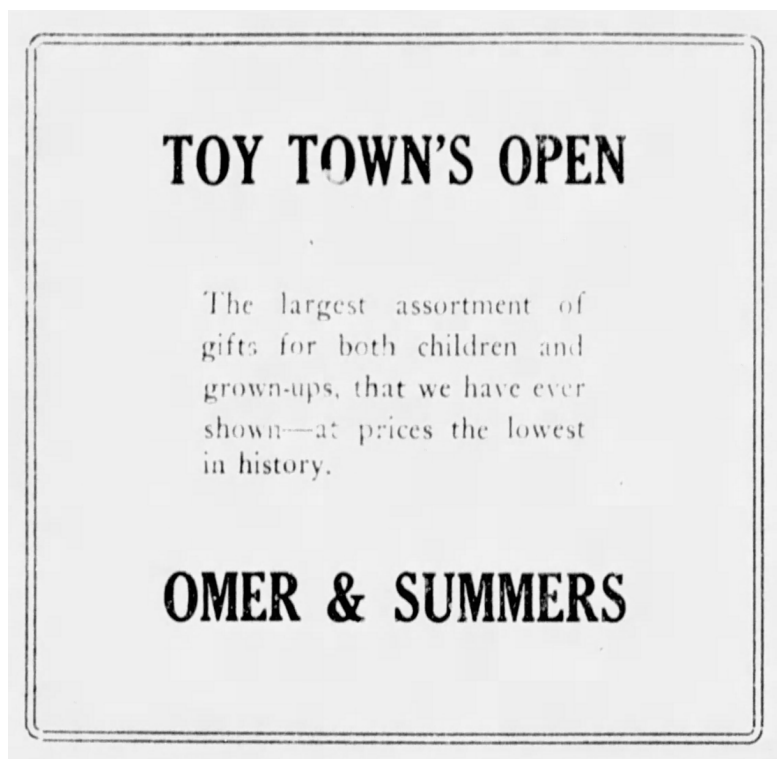
them. I'm sure they needed a job. Course the \$4 a week that I got from that went to mother to help with groceries and everything else that we needed."<sup>138</sup>

"I worked for this 5 & 10 cent store. I'd unpack material that was for sale and he'd tell me how much to mark it 10 cents or a dollar or whatever you know. And I'd haul what was going to the main street store in the little Model T car that they had for me to haul it in back in forth. I worked there until I was a senior in high school."<sup>139</sup>

"At night I would go down to the filling station and Uncle Jim [James Danial Hall] worked in the filling station. He drank quite a bit and he needed help getting home sometimes. I would go down there every night and help him lock up the filling station and help him go home. I didn't get paid for that. It was just a family gesture. I learned...I pumped gasoline, aired up tires, and washed windshields and all that kind of stuff at that filling station. Some of the same farmers that uh...Mrs. Vallier owned the filling station...and some of the same farmers that I talked about that I waited on at the creamery was coming in there to trade too. So, they knew me at two different places."<sup>140</sup>

**1930:** On April 7th, the census taker recorded that Stanley was living with his mother on East Main, but no employment was listed. His other siblings, Jim, Hazel and Stella lived there at that time.<sup>141</sup>

houses, built at the same time. They had the Omer and Summers 5 and 10 cent stores, one on Main Street and one on Broadway. Since I knew how to drive a model T and also a gearshift car, they hired me for \$4 a week. Now this is back during the big Depression and men with families wanted the job that I was hired to do, and they were capable of doing the job but they didn't know how to drive a car. So, he couldn't hire



**Figure 89: Advertisement for Omer & Summers**



**1931:** Stanley continued his story about his work life, "*When they opened up the Washita Valley Ice Cream Company, they combined the creamery and the ice cream company after about two years, and I tasted milk for them and took in milk and also cream for the creamery. But my main job there was tasting milk because I had a real good sense of taste. I did that mainly on Friday afternoons and Saturday. This was after I was going to business college at that time.*"<sup>142</sup>

## Stanley's Childhood

## Meeting and Courtship

Late 1929 and early 1930 was a time of transition for Rubey, spending time in both Boone and in Anadarko with her sister, Ruth. Her move to Anadarko for high school there was probably a prerequisite for her to meet Stanley and get acquainted. They were only in school together for the 1929-1930 school year. Stanley graduated in 1930 and they began to see each other more frequently at home dances and bridge parties after Stanley graduated.

As far as published sources, Stanley and Rubey were together at thirty-eight local events between their first meeting and their marriage. Of course, there are many more occasions that were not published in the paper. According to the paper they were together sixteen times in 1931 mostly at dance and bridge parties. They also interacted at church and Stanley went to Rubey's birthday parties in 1930 and 1931. There are also picnics and swimming at Clancey's Lake and dancing at Medicine Park.

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### 1929, First Meeting

On Friday July 2 1929, Rubey was honored at a lawn party held by Mr. and Mrs. Luther Rife because she was going to attend Anadarko High School in the fall. All those at the party...

Clara Coleman

**Rubey Cook**

Ruth Cook

Thelma Farmer

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Grimmet

**Stanley Hall**

Forest Hasbrook

Rudolph James

Mabel Johnson

Pauline Johnson

Edward McClure

Mr. and Mrs. Kay McWethy

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Nixon

Ryffe Ogle

Ralph Rank

Dorothy Helen Smith

Carl Steele

Earle Taylor

Audra Williams

This may have been the first time Rubey and Stanley met, and surely one of the first times; Rubey was 16 and Stanley was 17 years old.<sup>143</sup>

They may have met earlier in 1929 according to a story told to me by Ruth Dutcher, "*We used to have dances at someone's house every weekend. I think there was a dance and we were one girl short. So, I asked Rubey to go with me and Stanley was there.*"<sup>144</sup> In 2001, Polly [Knapp] Hall recalled a similar story from Stanley, "*One evening Stanley met Ruth Cook (Dutcher) at the Dime Store where she worked. The employees had a watermelon party and those at the party teased Stanley that there were not enough girls to go around so they got Ruth to call her sister who was visiting her. Stanley met Rubey Cook (Hall) there.*"<sup>145</sup>

In August 1929, Rubey spent a week with Ruth in Anadarko and "*returned home*" to Apache; Ruth attended Anadarko Business College in 1927 and took a stenographer job with Morris and Wilhite in 1928.

## Meeting & Courtship

Rubey received report cards from Anadarko schools; In October she got scores in the upper levels of her class in English II and Math. Her scores in Modern History and Spanish 1 were among the lower levels of her class. She wrote on one of the cards, "Anadarko Hi. Good? Well, No!" Copies of the cards were provided by Heidi Renee [Hall] LaChance.<sup>146</sup>



**Figure 90: Rubey and Stanley About 1929**

Rubey saved a ticket stub from a dance at the armory which Rubey says was her "3rd dance out at Armory with Stanley 1930." I believe that this dance was an invitation dance at the armory on Thursday Jun 19<sup>th</sup>, 1930, and music was provided by Mrs. Holliday's orchestra, "a large crowd enjoyed the evening."<sup>147</sup> If I'm correct about the date of their third dance, their first dance was likely the December 17, 1929, dance at the Armory and their second was on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1930. All three dances were sponsored by the Anadarko Dancing Club and featured Holliday and Her Footwarmers.

Holliday and Her Footwarmers were first mentioned in 1929 by the Caddo County Tribune, "Their concerts are not only making a hit with people in this immediate part of the country, but are attracting outside favor as well. Sunday night, KOCW received calls from points outside of the state for special numbers, which were cheerfully given. This six-piece orchestra, composed entirely of Anadarko talent, is proving to be one of the most popular radio attractions KOCW has ever had." The group played a variety of venues including church events and store openings.

The last mention of the group was in March 1930 and was reorganized into Mrs. Holliday's Reorganization Orchestra. The group was led by Mrs. H. H. Holliday.

Stanley was a senior in 1929 when school started on September 2nd, expecting to graduate in May 1930.



## 1930, Dating

On January 4th, Rubey got permission from J. E. West to skip the last two periods of school to attend a track meet with Mary Leigh.<sup>148</sup> It is not clear to me if this happened on April 1, the day West signed it or January 4th the day of the note.

In early January 1930, Rubey was still counted in the Boone school census but given the rehearsal demands for both the minstrel and musical starting just a few weeks later, she must have been living with Ruth by this time.

**Cotton Blossom Minstrel:** On January 9th Rubey was mentioned in The Anadarko Tribune as a member of the chorus rehearsing for Cotton Blossom Minstrels to be held in February. The show was sponsored by the American Legion in Anadarko. It was to be a large production with 60 performers. The women's chorus included...<sup>149</sup>

Mrs. H. H. Holliday  
Caroline Dutcher  
Audra Williams  
Velma Farmer  
Hazel Hartshorn  
Kate Hewitt

Stella Hall  
Ruth Cook  
**Rubey Cook**  
Catherine Callahan  
Frances Callahan

Irene Newhouser  
Mrs. Joe Miller  
Edith Massey  
Jean Pittman  
Eleanor Brabant  
Maxine Shelley

After five weeks of rehearsal, the show was presented on February 5th and 6th at the Anadarko High School auditorium. The group presented the show again the next week in Carnegie to a full house.<sup>150 151</sup> The reporting after the production only mentioned eight members of the chorus, some of those on the original list and others who were not on the original list; Rubey was not mentioned in the follow-up articles.<sup>152</sup> Perhaps she didn't participate.

On March 18th, Rubey went to a treasure hunt sponsored by the Queen Esther group of the Anadarko Methodist Church at the Ray Hollar home east of Anadarko.<sup>153</sup> The next day a letter was mailed from someone in Tulsa to Rubey at 211 West Georgia, Ruth's address.<sup>154</sup>



Figure 92: Columbia Theater Handout

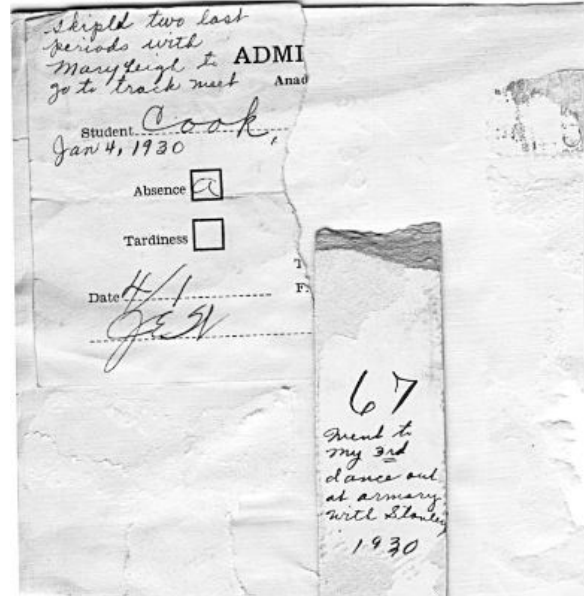


Figure 91: Third Dance Out Together

On April 9th the Caddo County Tribune reported, "Misses Ruth and Rubey Cook spent the weekend at their home in Apache."<sup>155</sup> On April 12th the census taker recorded Rubey in the family household at the Walker house in section thirty-two of the Boone township.<sup>156</sup>

On Sunday or Monday, Rubey went to the Columbia Theater in Anadarko to see 'Anna Christie' starring Greta Garbo in "Her First TALKING Picture!"<sup>157</sup> She saved the ticket stub in a scrapbook.

**The Devil and The Girl:** In April 1930, Rubey danced in a musical called 'The Devil and The Girl'. According to the Anadarko Tribune of Thursday April 17th, 1930, *The Devil and The Girl* was a "musical comedy show for the benefit of the Anadarko Band." A separate commentary on the same page of the newspaper indicates that the musical was performed on the 24th and 25th of April 1930 at the Anadarko High School auditorium.<sup>158</sup> The songs included were popular in 1930 and can be heard on YouTube.

The photographer is not identified on the photos. However, I suspect June Hall who purchased the Sterling Studio at 120 East Main Street from W. F. McCarty about March 1923.<sup>159</sup> Mary June [Hall] Lane was my aunt and continued to be in the photography business until at least 1933 when she sold her studio to G. E. Porter and moved to New Mexico. When June returned to Anadarko in 1936, she leased the Model Studio in Anadarko from Mrs. C. W. Rasure and the Rasure family moved to Oklahoma City.<sup>160</sup> Many of June's known photographs include a background similar to the one in these photos.

The show was produced by A. R. James; his brother Rudolph 'Rudy' James was at the party for Rubey back in the summer of 1929; Audra Williams, another dancer in the production was also at that party. Rubey may have been recruited at the party and joined. She was a member of the dance group called the Dancing Dudines that included many of the same people who sang or danced in the Cotton Blossom Minstrel in February. For this production, the dancers included...

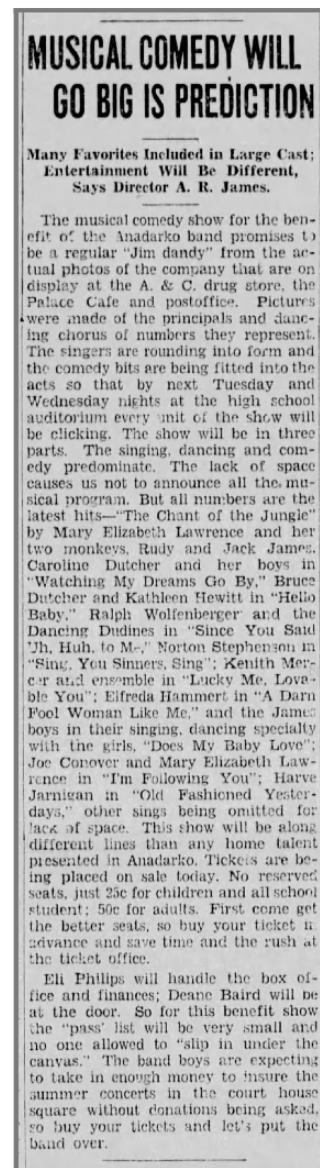
- Willa Angel
- Mary Leigh Baird
- **Rubey Cook**
- Caroline Dutcher
- Irene Newhouser
- Eunice Scott
- Audra Williams

There were publicity photos posted around Anadarko promoting the show and some of them survived. The photos passed through family hands a number of times before I got them...

1. Caroline Dutcher saved the photos and wrote information on the backs, passed them along to Bruce & Ruth Dutcher
2. Ruth Naomi [Cook] Dutcher to her daughter, Judith Ann [Dutcher] Orr
3. Judith Ann Orr to her daughter, Laurie Beth [Orr] Elzo
4. Laurie Beth Elzo to her aunt, Mary Catherine [Green] Dutcher
5. Mary Catherine Dutcher to me, Gene Cook Hall

I documented the names, location and dates before donating them to the Oklahoma Historical Society. Since Caroline and Bruce Dutcher were primarily responsible for saving them, the photos are filed under the 'Dutcher Family Collection-2024.011.'

According to a combination of the news article and the surviving photos, Rubey's group performed at least five numbers including...



**Figure 93: Devil & The Girl**

1. 'Hello Baby' with Bruce Dutcher and Kate Hewitt
2. Unknown song title with Caroline Dutcher
3. 'A Darn Fool Woman Like Me' with Elfreda Hammert
4. 'Taint No Sin' with Cecil Brown'
5. 'Since You Said Uh, Huh, to Me" with Ralph Wolfenberger<sup>161</sup> There was no photo for this song.

According to an article in The American-Democrat, the show featured "...the dancing Dudines in their tap dancing. The girls are making all new costumes for the changes and, boy, howdy! Ask them if they will be good. Tap dancers are Audra Williams, Thelma Farmer, Mary Leigh Baird, Irene Newhouser, Willa Angel, Carolyn Dutcher, Rubey Cook and Eunice Scott."<sup>162</sup>



**Figure 94: Unknown Song Title, L to R: Irene Newhouse, Rubey, Mary Leigh Baird, Caroline Dutcher, Willa Angel, Eunice Scott, Audra Williams**



**Figure 96: A Darn Fool Woman Like Me' L to R: Irene Newhouser, Rubey, Mary Leigh Baird, Elfreida Hammert, Mary Elizabeth Lawrence, Eunice Scott, Willa Angel, Audra Williams**



**Figure 95: 'Hello Baby' Front L to R: Bruce Yeager Dutcher & Kate Hewitt; Back L to R: Irene Newhouser, Rubey, Mary Leigh Baird, Caroline Dutcher, Willa Angel, Audra Williams**





**Figure 97: 'Taint No Sin' from Middle Around to the Left: Cecil Brown, Irene Newhouser, Rubey, Eunice Scott, Mary Leigh Baird, Caroline Dutcher, Willa Angel, Audra Williams**

This musical probably evolved from the original Cotton Blossom Minstrels which was announced in January, but they may be two separate productions.

**Graduation:** Stanley's graduation activities started with Baccalaureate on Sunday May 11th, Senior play on May 14th and graduation on May 16th. The news reported large crowds at these events but I don't know if Rubey attended.

Many of Rubey and Stanley's known interactions happened at parties hosted by different people each week. Virtually all of these parties involved playing cards or dancing; many included both, starting with cards and ending with dancing.

Just a week after Stanley graduated, he and Rubey were at a house dance for David Brack, Stanley's friend and fellow graduate. These dances typically had about the same number of men and women without identifying any specific couples. Those attending were...<sup>163</sup>

Roberta Lawrence  
**Rubey Cook**  
 Jewel Yates  
 Eleanor Brabant  
 Caroline Dutcher

Vivian Ports  
 Willa Angell  
 Myrtle Dean Edens  
**Stanley Hall**  
 Donald Williams

Alvin Williams  
 Troy Shelby  
 Cephas Kelly  
 Pat O'Shea  
 David Brack

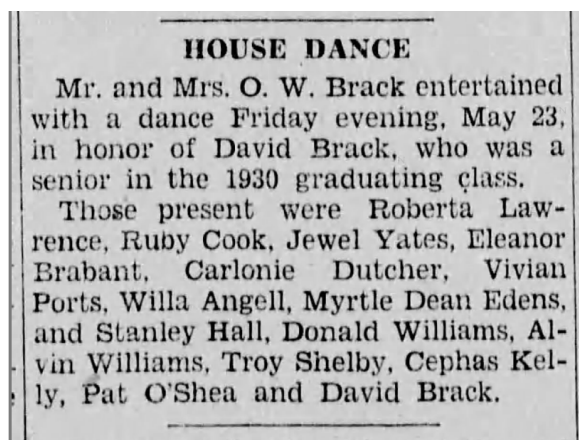
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Four days later, on May 27th, another of Stanley's fellow graduates had a dance but Rubey didn't go. Those who went...<sup>164</sup>

Roberta Lawrence	Beryl Karns	David Brack
Bernice Oliver	Stella Hall	Tommy Moran
Eleanor Brabant	Dorothy Helen Smith	Basil Cherry
Vivian Ports	<b>Stanley Hall</b>	Harold Forrester
Willa Angell	Alvin Williams	Troy Shelby
Rachel Brooks		

On May 23rd 1930, there was a house dance at David Brack's house and both Stanley and Rubey were there. Seven boys and seven girls attended...

Willa Angel	Myrtle Dean Edens	Troy Shelby
Eleanor Brabant	<b>Stanley Hall</b>	Alvin Williams
David Brack	Cephan Kelly	Donald Williams
<b>Rubey Cook</b>	Roberta Lawrence	Vivian Ports
Caroline Dutcher	Pat O'Shea	Jewel Yates



**Figure 98: House Dance at David Brack's House**

On June 3rd, Roberta Lawrence had a party at her house on West Virginia, presumably another dance. Stanley and his friend David Brack were there. All who attended...<sup>165</sup>

Betty Campbell	Jeanette Dutcher	Paul Methvin
Myrtle Dean Edens	Clara Coleman	Wilburn 'Willie' Law
Rachel Brooks	Jewel Yates	Brewster McFadyen
May Adele McFadyen	Duane O'Shea	Charles Mannschreck
Vivian Ports	David Brack	Elmer Mannschreck
Annette McDowell	<b>Stanley Hall</b>	
Dorothy Hume	Donald Williams	
Caroline Dutcher		

The very next Sunday, three of the guys and two of the girls from this party went to Clancy's Lake. Lorene Lynde of Apache joined them to make an even three couples. The social column from the Caddo County Tribune documented this occasion, "*Roberta Lawrence, Rubey Cook, Lorene Lynde of Apache, David Brack, Stanley Hall and Pat O'Shea were visitors at Clancy's Lake Sunday.*" Clancy's Lake was located about nine miles south of Carnegie, closer to Rubey's home in Boone than to Stanley's home in Anadarko. It was a popular location

among locals. This is the first time that Stanley and Rubey were mentioned together in such a small group.

A search of newspapers.com for 1930 finds 21 articles about Clancy's reported by the Carnegie Herald. Some of the occasions at the lake included...

- Carnegie Seniors' Picnic
- Alfalfa Boy Scouts Picnic
- Apache and Alden baseball game
- Employees of Ford Service Station at Fort Cobb, family outing
- Alfalfa Haymakers vs. Dixie Eagles baseball game
- Pollyanna Sunday School Class picnic and swim
- Carnegie Kiwanis picnic served by Campfire girls
- Carnegie Boy Scouts swimming party and campfire supper

There were no further mentions of parties or dances for the rest of 1930.

Stanley's aunt, Jane Hall, died in October. Jane was married to Charles Hall and they partnered with Stanley's parents to get land in the 1903 lottery and move to Caddo County. Services were held at Jane's home. Stanley probably was there since he ended up with Jane's memorial booklet. A well-known Presbyterian quartet consisting of Jess Overstreet and the Fait brothers, Willard, Russell and Howard sang...

- 'Will The Circle Be Unbroken'
- 'The Old Rugged Cross'
- 'In the Sweet By and By'

Margaret and I were privileged to sing in choir with Russell Fait before he died; he sang beautifully with great confidence, never missing a note. When we were first married, we lived in a house on east Broadway that I bought from Jess Overstreet's estate.

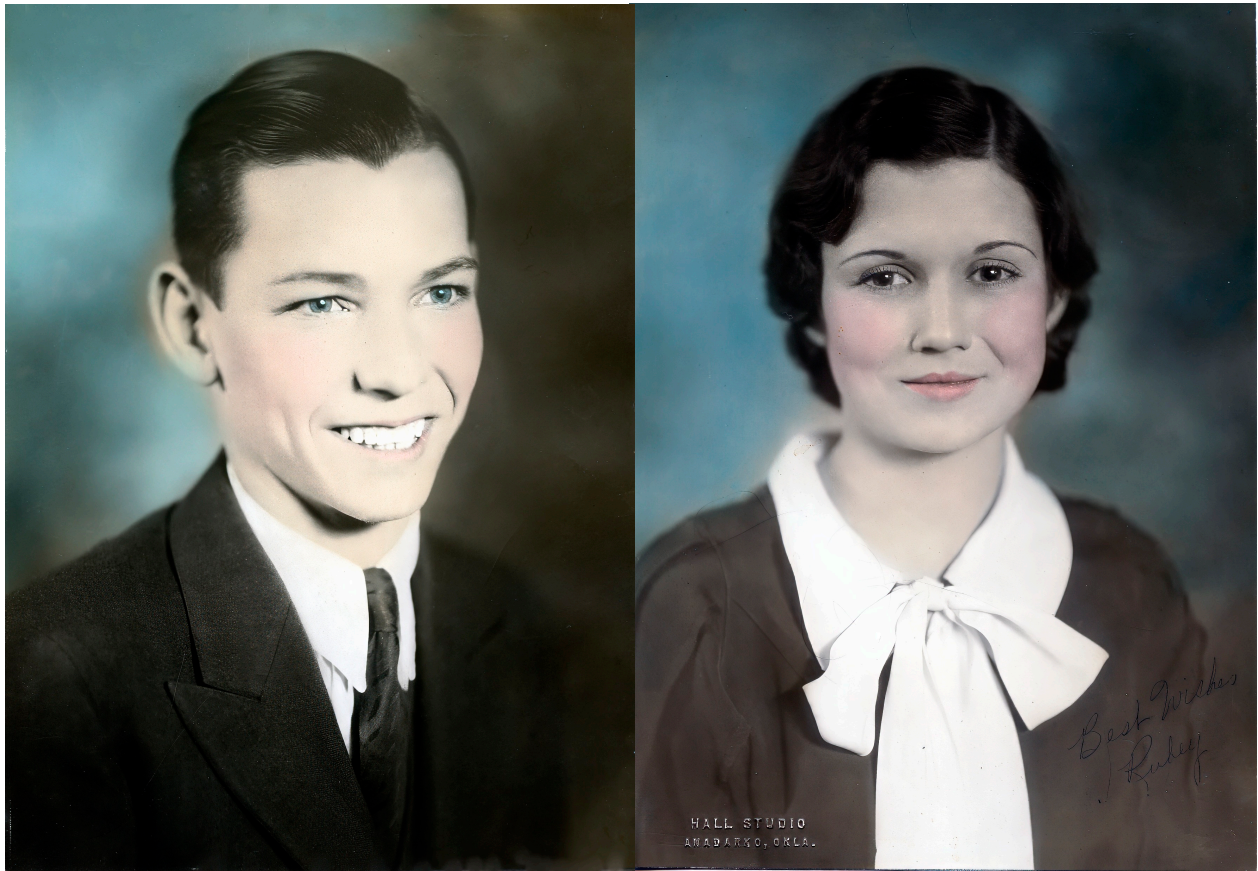
Rubey was in the Junior Class play, '*The Yellow Shadow*,' on November 20th and 21st 1930. It is not clear what part she played based on a synopsis of the play. Since others are named in the lead parts, there are three possibilities for Rubey...

1. Wife of Jed, the crazy man who sees spiders, lizards, crocodiles and 'gilleyloo birds'
2. A dumb and inefficient lady coroner
3. The Chinese servant

I can't imagine her in any of these roles and there is no record if Stanley attended or not.



**Figure 99: 1930 Junior Class Play**



**Figure 100: Stanley and Rubey About 1930**

The American-Democrat reported a birthday party for Rubey held on November 28, 1930, hosted by Ruth Cook [Burnett in 1930] and Tella [Graves] Nixon. Those who were there included...

**Rubey Cook**

Betty Hume  
Anna Farmer  
Helen Duncan

Philip Fitz

Mary Leigh Baird  
Annette McDowell

**Stanley Hall**

John Stevenson

David Brack  
Basil Cherry  
Volney Moore<sup>166</sup>

Stanley and Rubey had their portraits made by Stanley's sister about 1930. June was a true artist with respect to photography and colorization.

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## 1931, More Bridge and Dancing

Early in January Dorothy Hume invited friends to dance at her house at 503 West Central. Stanley and 29 others attended...<sup>167</sup>

Emily Stephenson  
Mary Elizabeth Lawrence  
Myrtle Wilson  
Betty Campbell  
May Adele McFadyen  
Roberta Lawrence  
Dorothy Helen Smith  
Jewel Yates

Betty Lee Smith  
Caroline Dutcher  
Jeanette Dutcher  
Philip Fitz  
Annette McDowell  
Betty Hume  
Sadie Mae Hume, Minco  
Bill Burtsch, Chickasha



Charles Ludwig, Fort Cobb  
Dale Campbell  
Tryo Shelby  
Forrest West  
Brewster McFadyen  
Basil Cherry  
Ryffe Ogle  
Ed McClure

Perry Corbin  
Duane O'Shea  
F. J. Callahan, Jr  
David Brack  
**Stanley Hall**  
Charles Smith

The next week, on January 9th, Stanley and Rubey went to a bridge and dancing party at Jewel Yates' house, 509 West Central. Those who attended...<sup>168</sup>

Lois Ruth Hollis  
Betty Lee Smith  
Caroline Dutcher  
**Rubey Cook**  
Betty Hume  
Kathleen Bates  
Mabel Johnson  
Catherine Dutcher, Chickasha  
Ryffe Ogle  
Claud Nixon

Ed McClure  
F. J. Callahan  
Ted Turner  
David Brack  
**Stanley Hall**  
Wilburn 'Willie' Law  
Perry Corbin  
Heldon Karns  
Paul Methvin

Surprisingly Rubey is recorded in the Boone school census in 1931 after she was clearly established in Anadarko. Her name does not appear in the 1931 Anadarko school census. The date and Rubey's age on this record appear to be legitimate.

Rubey went to the Junior McDowell Music Club at Mary Leigh Baird's house on March 12th 1931, apparently as a guest. I didn't find any further indication that she continued to attend this club.

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Name of Parent (or Guardian): Cook Rosa Post Office: Yashe  
Name of Township or Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Section or Street No. 32  
Name of Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_ (If Indian or Freedman, give name of tribe.)

NAME OF CHILD	COLOR	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH			AGE	Deaf, Dumb, Blind Feeble Minded and Crippled (Write Which)
			Month	Day	Year		
<u>Cook, Ruby</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>1913</u>	<u>17</u>	

I hereby declare under oath that the above is a true and correct statement of the facts given; that I am a legal resident of the above School District and the names and ages of all persons of school age are correct as written above.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 29 day of January, 1931.

Mrs Rosa Cook Parent or Guardian.  
R. C. Adams Enumerator.

Figure 101: 1931 Boone School Census

On April 30, 1931, Rubey and Stanley's twin sister, Stella, went to a meeting of Camp Fire guardians in Oklahoma City with Mrs. J. E. Walraven, guardian of the Nadarko group. Mrs. Walraven was given a national honor at this meeting.<sup>169</sup>



**Figure 103: Rubey Attends State Camp Fire Meeting**



**Figure 102: Baccalaureate, 1931**

On Sunday May 10th 1931, Rubey and Betty Hume were flower girls for the Baccalaureate processionals at the high school auditorium. Three days later, Rubey went to the Junior-Senior Banquet at the Presbyterian Church. She was a member of the Junior class that sponsored the event for the seniors.<sup>170</sup>

In May 1931, Kathleen Bates and Mabel Johnson sent Rubey an invitation to a party, "*You are cordially invited to attend a bridge party and dance May 20, 8 o'clock given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. West 509 E. Central Blvd. Kathleen Bates - Mable Johnson.*"<sup>171</sup> While Stanley was clearly present, it doesn't appear that Rubey went.<sup>172</sup> Stanley won high scores along with Dorothy Helen Smith. All who attended...<sup>173</sup>

Betty Hume  
Anita McDowell  
Betty Lee Smith  
Mary Leah Baird  
Clara Coleman  
Virginia Methvin  
Beryl Karns

Dorothy Helen Smith  
Emily Stephenson  
John Stephenson  
Ryffe Ogle  
Henry Johnson  
Norton Stephenson  
Helden Karns

Wilbur 'Willie' Law  
Carl Hall  
**Stanley Hall**  
Ed McClure  
Warren Hamilton  
F. J. Callaha



**Figure 105: May 20, 1931, Bridge & Dance**

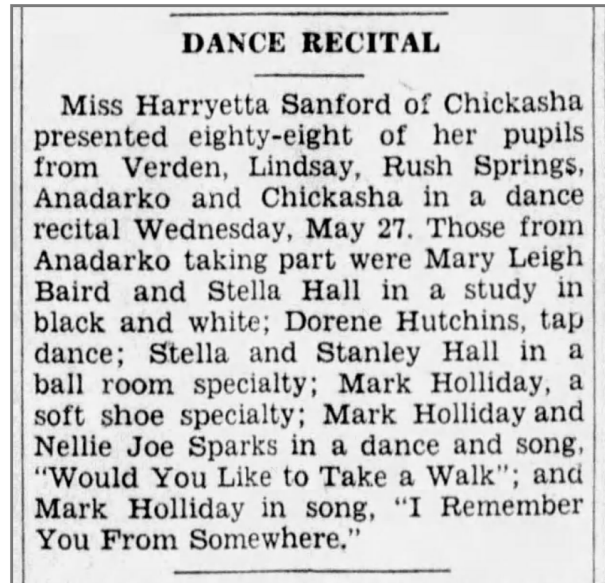
On May 27th, Stanley and Stella were in a dance recital in Chickasha.<sup>174</sup> The article implies that Stanley was a student of Harryetta Sanford.

On August 14th, Stanley went to a dance at Miss Phillip Fitz's house on Central Boulevard. Sixteen people were there including...<sup>175</sup>

Phillip Fitz	Betty Lee Smith	Howard Harmon
Eleanor Carter, Apache	Jewel Yates	Heldon Karnes
Sadie Mae Hume, Minco	<b>Stanley Hall</b>	Perry Corbin
Dorothy Hume	F. J. Callahan	Bob Turner
Betty Hume	Basil Cherry	Ed McClure
Annette McDowell		

At about the same time in August, Rubey was elected Vice President of the Anadarko High School Pep Club called the 'Darkies'.<sup>176</sup> An organizational meeting was held a month later led by president Betty Hume. The group worked on their plans for the Anadarko/Waurika football game to be held September 19th at the county fair.<sup>177</sup>

On August 24th, Stanley went to a bridge and dance party at Mary Leigh Baird's house which was located on Oklahoma Street where the Anadarko Bank and Trust is located now. They played bridge in the back yard which, "*was strung with electric lights through the trees.*" Sandwiches, cake and punch were served.



**Figure 104: Stanley & Stella in Dance Recital**

## Meeting & Courtship

Twenty-eight people were present...<sup>178</sup>

Lou Vella Morgan, Tucson, AZ

Doris Waters, Cushing

Kathleen Bates

Annette McDowell

Dorothy Helen Smith

Stella Hall

Betty Hume

Dorothy Hume

Anna Farmer

Virginia Methvin

Emily Stephenson

Phillip Fitz

John Hanner

Carl Moffitt, Stillwater

Lewis Moffitt, Stillwater

Don Marnett, Dallas, TX

Warren Chestnut, Okla. City

Perry Corbin

**Stanley Hall**

Ryffe Ogle

Jimmy Willis

Heldon Karnes

Warren Hamilton

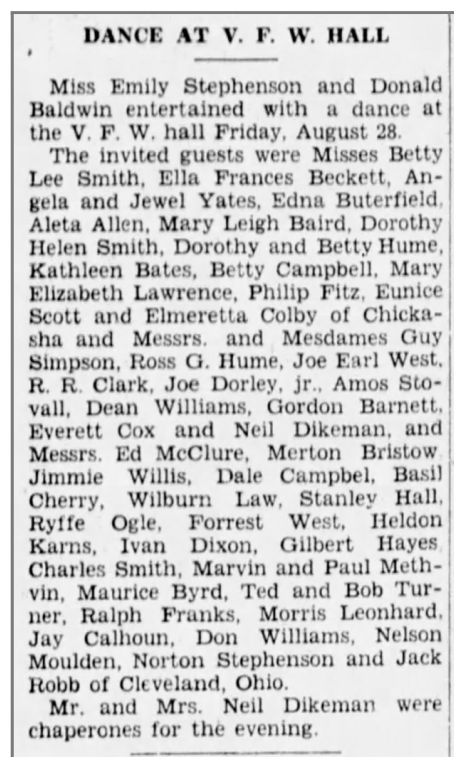
Wilburn 'Willie' Law

Joe Kelleam

Maurice Byrd

Basil Cherry

Morris Leonhard



**Figure 106: VFW Dance, August 1931**

Phillip Fitz

Jewel Yates

Betty Hume

Annette McDowell

Betty Lee Smith

**Rubey Cook**

Mary Leigh Baird

Wilburn 'Willie' Law

**Stanley Hall**

F. J. Callihan

Heldon Karnes

Ed McClure

David Brack

Morris Byrd

Phillip Fitz wrote a column for the American-Democrat called 'AHS Society Notes.' She reported that Rubey went to a show called 'Monkey Business' in Chickasha on September 27, 1931, with Annette McDowell, Kathleen Bates and Mary Leigh Baird.



On the morning of October 1st, Rubey and Mary Leigh Baird hosted a sunrise dance and breakfast at the Baird home. The occasion was for Kathleen Bates who left for her new home in Phoenix later the same morning. Kathleen's other friends who attended were not named.<sup>185</sup>

The list of people who were there includes all the usual people...<sup>186</sup>

Lois Ruth Hollis	<b>Rubey Cook</b>	David Brack
Kathryn Graves, Foss	Betty Lee Smith	Heldon Karns
Jewel Yates	Willie Law	Pat O'Shea
Phillip Fitz	F. J. Callahan	Ed McClure
Annette McDowell	Claude Nixon	Carl Hall
Mary Leigh Baird	<b>Stanley Hall</b>	

Rubey travelled to Apache in mid-October to visit with her mother, Rosa.<sup>187</sup> Rosa came to Anadarko the next week to see Rubey and her sisters, Myrtle and Ruth.<sup>188</sup>

Phillip Fitz gave another dance on October 18 at her house on West Central. Including Phillip, 14 people attended...<sup>189</sup>

Phillip Fitz	Carl Hall	Andy Allen
Dorothy Hume	<b>Stanley Hall</b>	David Brack
Angela Yates	F. J. Callahan	Kenneth Michaels,
Jewel Yates	Claude Nixon	Duncan
Betty Lee Smith	Ed McClure	
Lois Ruth Hollis		

Annette McDowell, Phillip Fitz and Stella Hall hosted a masquerade dance at the VFW Hall on October 23rd. Mark Holliday sang some popular songs and tap danced. One "...*unknown girl in red and white*" attended along with...<sup>190</sup>

Annette McDowell	<b>Rubey Cook</b>	Carl Hall
Phillip Fitz	Dorothy Helen Smith	David Brack
Stella Hall	Betty Hume	Merton Bristow
Roberta Lawrence	Beryl Karns	Larry Oatman
Mary Leigh Baird	Mark Holliday	Volney Moore, Jr.
Jewel Yates	F. J. Callahan	Andy Allen
Lois Ruth Hollis	Pat O'Shea	Kenneth Michaels
Betty Lee Smith	<b>Stanley Hall</b>	Claude Nixon
		Bus Leonard

Stella continued the Halloween theme with a smaller dance at the Hall house which included Rubey and Stanley.<sup>191</sup>

The next night, on October 28, Stanley and a large group of people from Anadarko went to Duncan for a high school football game. Since Rubey was an officer of the pep squad, she surely was there too.<sup>192</sup>

**CAMPFIRE ACTIVITIES**

The "Nadarko" Campfire Girls met at the home of Maryoena Moore Monday, Oct. 6. We were very happy to have with us one of our sponsors, Ray Hollar.

The rank of "Woodgatherer" was discussed. Four girls will take this rank at our next Council Fire. The symbol for this rank is the "Wood Gatherers" ring. It is formed of a bundle of seven faggots representing the Seven Laws of Camp Fire.

The following were voted in as pledges: Mary K. Strecker, Jean Richey, Emma Laura Stinson, Elizabeth Allen, Roberta Tinsley, Virginia Stalder, Phillip Fitz, Roma Ellison Margaret O'Shea and Louise Compton. As there were ten old members and ten pledges, each member acts as "Big Sister" to a pledge. Oct. 29 at 7 o'clock the Camp Fire Girls will open their Gypsy Carnival. It will be held in the Coen building, known as "The Julia Dickinson Shop." Three girls were nominated for Gypsy Queen—Ruby Cook, Rose Youngheim and Stella Hall. You may vote any time. The votes are one cent each and remember every penny helps us carry on our work. A shawl with each girl's symbol will be given to the girl elected Gypsy Queen.

**SENIOR CAMP FIRE GIRLS**

Monday, Oct. 26, the Nadarko Camp Fire girls met at the Julia Dickinson shop, where the Gypsy Carnival is to be held. After a short business meeting, booths were planned and partly decorated. Four of the pledges took their membership tests.

Join the crowd and go to the Gypsy Carnival given by the Camp Fire girls October 29, at the Julia Dickinson shop. The doors open at 7:00 o'clock. Buy your tickets now, 5c admission. Visit the "Country Store" where a dime is a dime and may be worth a dollar. You always win. Have your fortune told—past, present and future. See your teachers in the "Faculty grave yard." Visit the "House of Terror," see the "Wonders of the World," and many other interesting features. Be Camp Fire Boosters. We appreciate your patronage, and will see you at the Carnival Thursday, Oct. 29 at the Julia Dickinson shop.

Figure 107: Camp Fire Girls

In the fall, the Campfire group welcomed ten new members at a meeting held on the 6th. The group planned a Gypsy Carnival for late October to be held in the Coen building. Rubey was nominated to become the Gypsy Queen, along with Rose Youngheim and Stella Hall.<sup>193</sup> It looks like an interesting carnival with fortune tellers, a 'house of terror' and a wonders-of-the-world exhibit.<sup>194</sup>

Stella was elected Gypsy queen and was presented a shawl made by the Campfire Girls. The shawl was described as, "...red batiste with a border of white and is a treasure to be prized, for each girl has

embroidered her symbol on the border." The event raised \$22.05 which was to pay dues for the coming year.<sup>195</sup>

The Julia Dickinson Shop mentioned in the article was located in a building owned by James Floyd Coen at 120 West Broadway. It was in a good location in the middle of the block which is currently occupied by Style on Broadway. Despite the location, the shop was apparently not successful; a trustee was appointed and the shop was closed in about May of 1930. The building continued to be called the Julia Dickinson Shop even after it was closed.

On October 8th, Stanley and Rubey went to a bridge and dance party hosted by Lois Ruth Hollis. The party was given for Kathryn Graves of Foss, Oklahoma who was visiting her cousin.<sup>196</sup> Lois Ruth knew that Stanley would be at the party and sent Rubey a special invitation.

Ruby Ruby  
 Ruby — came to  
 Lois Ruth's to —  
 into at 7:45 —  
 Stanley's coming —  
 said he'd be  
 there after he gets off  
 and Ruby stand

Figure 108: Party Invitation

Rubey's sister, Ruth, organized a surprise birthday dance for Mary Leigh, Rubey, Maurice Byrde and Andy Allen. The dance was held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Baird house, 110 West Oklahoma. The guests were...<sup>197</sup>

**Rubey Cook**

Betty Lee Smith  
Aleta Allen  
Lois Ruth Hollis  
Dorothy Hume  
Betty Hume  
Jewel Yates  
Phillip Fitz  
Roberta Lawrence  
Annette McDowell

Stella Hall  
Mary Leigh Baird

**Stanley Hall**

David Brack  
Kenneth Michaels  
Andy Allen  
Ed McClure  
Maurice Byrd  
Ryffe Ogle  
Morris Leonard

Wilburn 'Willie' Law  
Duane O'Shea  
Carl Hall  
Mutt Bristow  
F. J. Callahan  
Heldon Karns  
Howard Harmon  
Donald Baldwin  
Volney Moore  
Floyd Hilderbrand

Stanley's birthday card to Rubey survives and Rubey made notes about the gifts she got that day. The card had a nice sentimental message, "As you start out on another year may life be good to you. You richly deserve the best of luck in everything you do." From the note, it looks like Stanley gave her a diary.

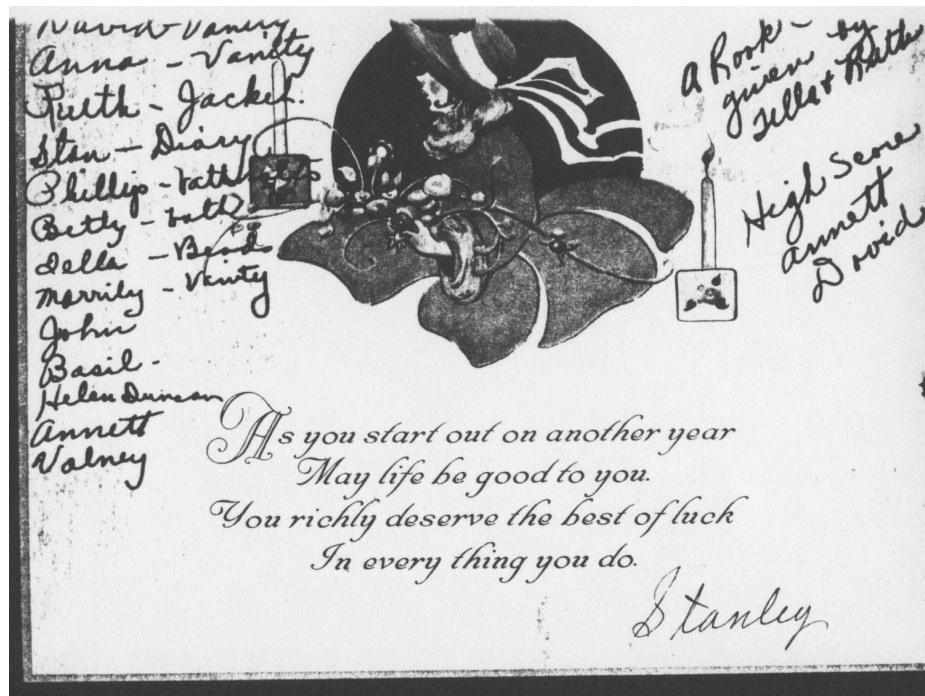


Figure 109: Birthday Card from Stanley to Rubey, 1931

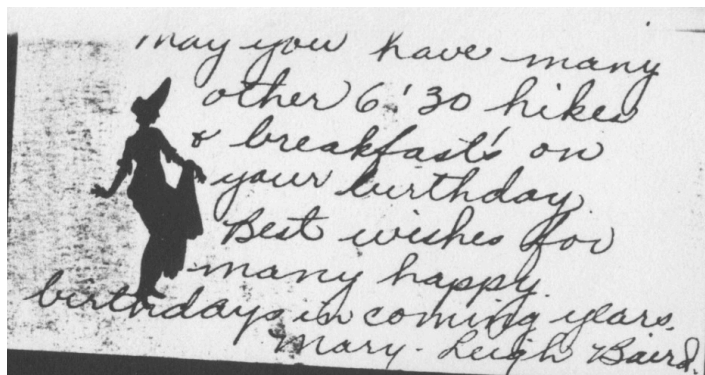


Figure 110: Birthday Note from Mary Leigh Baird, 1931

It looks like Rubey also took an early-morning birthday walk with good friend Mary Leigh Baird.

On December 8th, the Nadarko Campfire Girls had a party where everyone played "dominoes, flinch, pitch, bridge and lotto."<sup>198</sup> Rubey and Stella were both members of this group. There were 18 guests including Stanley. The Campfire group was inactive from about 1935 until 1952 when a group was started again. The 1952 announcement confirmed that

Rubey was a member of the original group that was active between 1927 and about 1935.<sup>199</sup>

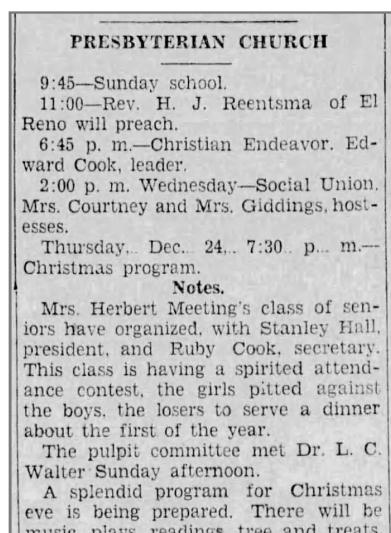


Figure 111: December Church News

The next week, on the 13th, the Presbyterian Church seniors class elected officers; Stanley was elected president and Rubey, secretary. There was also a "spirited attendance contest, the girls pitted against the boys." The losing team was going to make and serve dinner to the winning team.<sup>200</sup>

Rubey and Stanley both attended the Presbyterian church and were in the same Sunday school. These interactions were an important part of their early friendship and eventual romance.

Right after Christmas, on the 28th, Stanley and Rubey were at a dinner given by their Sunday school teacher, Mrs. Herbert Meeting. This dinner was a surprise "...after a contest in which the girls were declared the losers. Later the girls will give a party to the boys." Members of the class are familiar names as

many of them regularly attended dances and played bridge together...<sup>201</sup>

#### Rubey Cook

Mary Leigh Baird  
Betty Hume  
Emma Lou Methvin  
Pauline Methvin  
Juanita McBee  
Anette McDowell  
Faydette Pulis  
Juanita Pulis  
Mary Eda Vallier

#### David Brack

Edward Cook  
Woodrow Duncan  
Richard Dutcher  
**Stanley Hall**  
Arthur Lemire  
Herbert Meeting  
Kenneth Michaels  
Robert Swank  
Elvi Dee Wilson

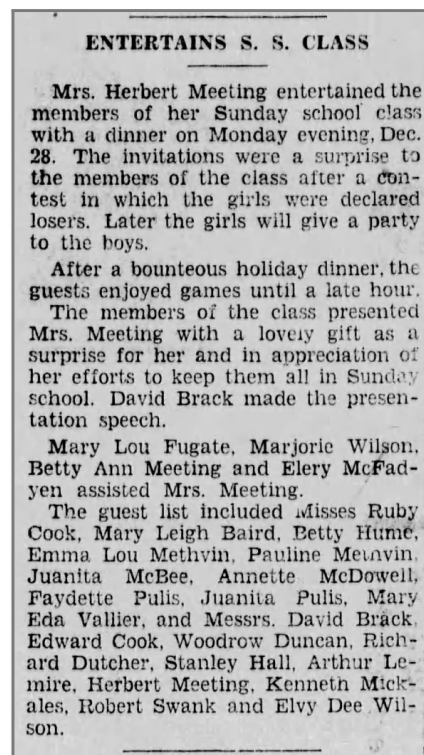


Figure 112: Surprise Christmas Dinner



On New Years Eve afternoon, Rubey and 20 others played bridge at Betty Lee Smith's house. Stanley was not there and it looks like only women were present.<sup>202</sup>

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## 1932, More Dancing & Rubey Graduates

The D.D.D. Club was formed in early 1932. This club appears to be driven by men and Stanley was a member. They sponsored dances, bridge games and picnics.

On New Years night, Stanley went to the DDD Club dance at the VFW hall.<sup>203</sup> There were more than 50 people there including club members, guests and chaperones. Rubey was not on the guest list but Stanley was a member of DDD and at this dance.

On January 16th, Rubey and seven other friends met and formed the D.G.S. Club and planned to meet every Saturday afternoon. Those present at this inaugural meeting were...<sup>204</sup>

Mary Lee Baird

Betty Hume

**Rubey Cook**

Annette McDowell

Philip Fitz

Betty Lee Smith

Lois Ruth Hollis

Jewel Yates

The organizational meeting was held at the Yates house and Betty Lee was elected president with Jewel Yates as secretary.

The DDD Club met again four days later on January 20th but neither Stanley nor Rubey was there. It looks like a bridge game for four.<sup>205</sup>

On January 22, both Stanley and Rubey went to a home dance at Jewel Yates' house on West Virginia. The guests were...<sup>206</sup>

Jewel Yates

Annette McDowell

F. J. Callahan

Phillip Fitz

Pat Oshea

Claud Nixon

Lois Ruth Hollis

David Brack

Wilburn 'Willie' Law

Betty Lee Smith

Heldon Karns

Ed McClure

Betty Hume

Chub Hays

**Stanley Hall**

**Rubey Cook**

Byron Hays

Charles Smith

Jimmie Willis

On February 3rd, Stanley went to the DDD Club at Riverside to play bridge. The game was hosted by Eddie Shields and Byron Hays. Andy Allen was a guest. Stanley was the high scorer that day.<sup>207</sup>

On February 13th, Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Holliday gave a dance at the VFW hall and both Stanley and Rubey were there, "*Horns, caps and confetti added to the merriment of the evening.*" It was a good crowd of mostly regulars...<sup>208</sup>

Mary Leigh Baird

Lois Youngblood

Chub Hays

Aleta Allen

David Brack

Paul Methvin

**Rubey Cook**

Maurice Byrd

Marvin Methvin

Phillip Fitz

F. J. Callahan

Charles Smith

Lois Ruth Hollis

Merton Bristow

Eddie Shields

Mona Hartshorne

Don Baldwin

Hermon Stiles

Irma Dutcher

Cecil Brown

Ed McClure

Caroline Dutcher

Wilburn 'Willie' Law

Ryffe Ogle

Bety Lee Smith

Heldon Karns

Norton Stephenson

Stella Hall

Carl Hall

Duane O'Shea

Bernice Oliver

**Stanley Hall**

Kenneth Micheals

Audra Bryant

Morris Leonard

Claud Allen

Jewel Yates

Byron Hays

Andy Allen

## Meeting & Courtship

On February 24th, Stanley and Rubey were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Nixon near Fort Cobb. This dinner was clearly a date since all the other guests are paired up, "*Mr. and Mrs. George Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graves and daughter Wylda, Miss Rubey Cook and Stanley Hall were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Nixon.*"<sup>209</sup>

Stanley and Carl hosted the DDD Club at their house at 216 West Kentucky on March 1st. This club looks more and more like a foursome bridge club of all men. Besides Carl and Stanley, Andy Allen and Carl Steele were there.<sup>210</sup>

Rubey and Lois Willis won favors at the D.G.S. meeting on March 11 at Betty Smith's house when, "*St. Patrick day decorations were fully carried out.*"<sup>211</sup>

On March 15th Rubey went to a D.D.D. wiener roast in the hills north of Anadarko hosted by Andy Allen and David Brack. Other guests included Jewel Yates, Mary Leigh Baird, Lois Ruth Hollis and Fern Willis. Mrs. G. G. Webb was the chaperon.<sup>212</sup>

Mary Leigh was the hostess for D.G.S. on March 26th and Rubey was to host the next meeting on April 2nd.<sup>213</sup> Mrs. Franklin Youngblood was a special guest at the meeting at Rubey's house. Betty Hume had the high score.

At the end of March, Stanley traveled to Oklahoma City with Kenneth Michaels and David Brack. The paper only notes that they visited and that they probably rode with Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Baum.<sup>214</sup>

The paper reported that Stanley had his appendix removed at the Chickasha hospital on April 19th.<sup>215</sup>

Rubey went with her sister, Myrtle Sparks to the Pla-Mor Bridge club on April 28th at Mrs. Joe E. West's home. Rubey won the 'guest prize.'

Rubey was becoming pretty popular on the local bridge circuit; she went to the Eight-At-Two Club on May 5th at Alva Thompson's house.<sup>216</sup>

Rubey graduated from Anadarko High School in May 1932. The class of 1932 included a total of 62 graduates compared to 35 in the 1931 class.

Rubey and the other seniors were excused from classes for the week of May 16th, but she was still very busy. On Sunday evening May 15th, she attended Baccalaureate at the high school auditorium where Robert Lehew, Jr., Methodist minister, preached the sermon. "*The auditorium and balcony were filled to listen to the...well rendered program.*"<sup>217</sup> Reverend Lehew's topic was 'Choice Choosing.' Rose Youngheim sang a solo and the chorus sang Tschaikovsky's 'We Praise Thee.'<sup>218</sup>

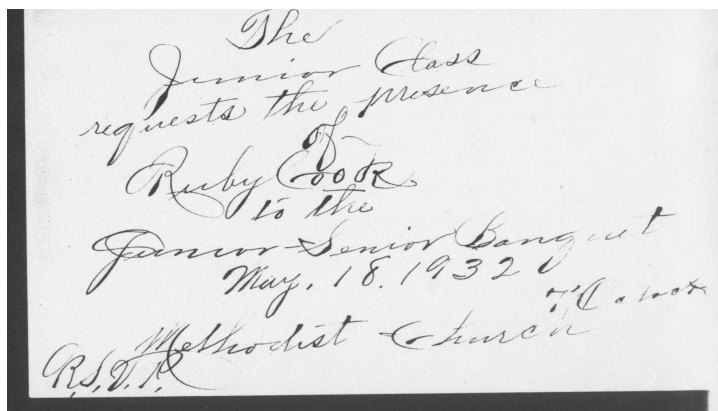
On Tuesday night May 17th, the seniors presented the senior play, 'Lady Lilac,' to a "large crowd."<sup>219</sup> The play is "A sequel to 'Cat o' Nine Tails.'" "It was a mystery play filled with surprises, thrills and laughs. The characters were well chosen and displayed unusual talent in their clever acting."<sup>220</sup> Rubey didn't have a part in the play.<sup>221 222</sup>



Between courses the following excellent program was rendered:	
Welcome .....	Richard Dutcher
Response .....	Wilburn Law
Toast .....	Raymond Shields
Response .....	Raymond Green
Talk .....	Rev. R. M. Lehew
Fairy Pines .....	Girls' Quartet
In My Garden .....	Mary Lee Vandagriff
Excelsior .....	Mr. Walraven
Out of the Dusk .....	Raymond Shields
When I Am a Senior .....	Peaches Wilson
When I Was a Junior .....	Osborne Correla
Where the Rainbow Ends .....	Raymond Green
Best Wishes .....	Mr. Hensley
In a Royal Garden .....	Betty Hume
The Rosary .....	Leone Soule

**Figure 113: Junior-Senior Banquet Program**

On Wednesday night, Rubey attended the junior/senior banquet at the Methodist Church.<sup>223</sup> According to a Mrs. E. T. Cook, Social Items Editor at the Caddo County Tribune, "*The banquet hall was decorated to represent a summer garden. Over the white picket fences trimmed with American Beauty roses could be seen the green trees of the forests. The color scheme of the tables was carried out in pink and green. Miniature fences with gates and arches were used for centerpieces and the same effect was carried out in the place cards and programs. Favors were American Beauty roses. Fourteen sophomore girls dressed in white organdy waited on the tables.*"



**Figure 114: Junior-Senior Banquet Invitation** of this high school."<sup>224</sup> Mary Leigh Baird played a piano solo and Raymond Green sang a solo. T. B. Beard, director of the extension department of the University of Oklahoma delivered the principle address.<sup>225</sup>

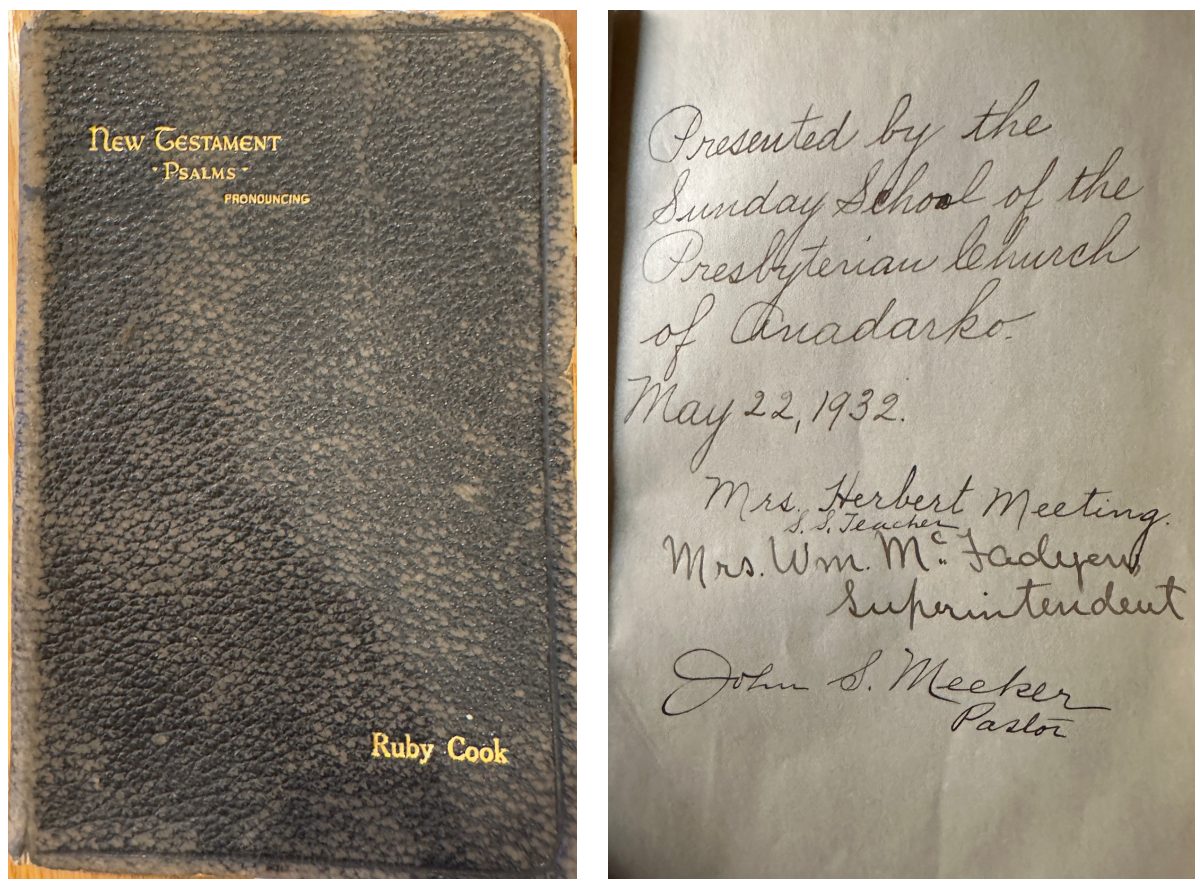
On Friday May 20th at 8:15, Rubey graduated. Mrs. E. T. Cook described the scene for readers of the Caddo County Tribune, "The stage was beautifully decorated with baskets of beautiful roses and spring flowers. The flaming flower girls, Emma Lou Methvin and Hazel O'Neal, dressed in pink organdy and carrying baskets of white lilies and American Beauty roses, led the procession of 62 seniors, the largest class in the history



**Figure 115: Rubey's High School Graduation 1932**

## Meeting & Courtship

The week after graduation, the Presbyterian Sunday school presented Bibles to Rubey and five other members of the graduating class, Mary Leigh Baird, Betty Verne Hume, Edward T.



**Figure 116: Bible Presented to Rubey**

Cook, Wayne Graves and Robert Swank.<sup>226</sup>

I think Rubey was living with her mother after graduation as the Caddo County Tribune reported on July 6th, "Miss Rubey Cook of Apache visited her sister, Mrs. Gordon Burnett, and Mr. Burnett the past week."

In early August, Stanley went to a swimming party and dance at Mary Eda Vallier's house.<sup>227</sup> The guest list included...

Ruth Meeker  
Mary Meeker  
Dorothy Hume  
Betty Hume  
Dorothy Cark  
Mary Louise Giddings  
Annette McDowell  
Mary Leigh Baird  
Elizabeth Allen  
Margaret O'Shea  
Lois Tilton  
Roma Ellison  
Mary K. Strecker  
Margaret Emma Callahan

Maxine Maxwell  
Eloise McCown  
Faydette Pulis  
Juanita McBee  
Herbert Meeting  
Ben Meeker  
Leon Pattie  
Clifton McCown  
Forrest Jennings  
Peaches Wilson  
Richard Dutcher  
Bob Harp  
Bob and Bill Brumage  
**Stanley Hall**



Andy Allen  
Pat O'Shea  
Cecil Cherry  
Hugh McCullough  
Lee Methvin  
Glenn Brabant  
Raymond Shields

Edward Cook  
Steele Hutto  
Osborne Correia  
Pete Nixon  
Paul Flowers  
Homer Hamilton  
Joe Kelleam

"Ice cold watermelon was served." Mrs. Martha Fulkerson and Mrs. Elsie Vallier were chaperons.

Rubey was the first person from her family to attend college. Though it meant fewer chances to be together, Stanley and Rubey managed to stay connected across the 18-mile distance from Anadarko to Chickasha.

In September, Rubey and several others from Anadarko were reported to be entering Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha, *"Among those entering O. C. W. this week from Anadarko were Misses Mary Leigh Baird, Annette McDowell, Eloise Penoi, Bernice Oliver, Rubey Cook, Theodora Pruett, Blanche Lancaster, Jewel Yates, Mildred Murphy, Roberta Lawrence, Juanita Tarpley and Mrs. Wilson."*<sup>228</sup> Juanita Tarpley was my junior high math teacher.

Thirty-eight women from Caddo County were enrolled according to an October 19th article, The twelve who enrolled from Anadarko included Rubey and her friend Mary Leigh Baird.<sup>229</sup>

On October 27th, Stanley appeared in 'Crashing Through,' *"...the thrilling home talent epic drama"* presented at the Anadarko High School. The play was set in three scenes from the past, present and future, *"In the third act we look ahead to 1958 and see futuristic scenes and antics that have never been shown before."* The production included *"...many unusual choruses consisting of various tap routines, cane drill and a minuet."* It is not clear to me what kind of role he played. There were two musical numbers mentioned and his name appears below the second number 'Gosh Darn' among a group of eleven people labeled 'Inspectors.'

On the 9th of December Stanley traveled to Chickasha to attend the O. C. W. 'Students Dance.' Other familiar names from Anadarko were there including Annette McDowell, David Brack, Andy Allen, Peaches Wilson and Heldon Karns.<sup>230</sup>

At the end of December, Rubey came home for the Christmas break.<sup>231</sup> The article doesn't say where home was at that time, but I assume she went home to Boone. She did spend at least some time in Anadarko -- at the bridge table; she went to Betty Lee Smith's house for the D.G.S. club and won favors along with Mary Leigh.<sup>232</sup>

**1933:** On February 28th, Rubey and Stanley were at the final student government dance of the year at OCW.<sup>233</sup> Others from Anadarko who were also there include Anna Farmer, Sue Hannah, Annette McDowell, Maxine Maxwell, Elvy Dee Wilson, Leon Pattie, Osborn Correia, Marcus Rogers, Andy Allen, Ryffe Ogle, Bus Leonhard, Norton Stephenson, Merton Bristow and Richard Dutcher.

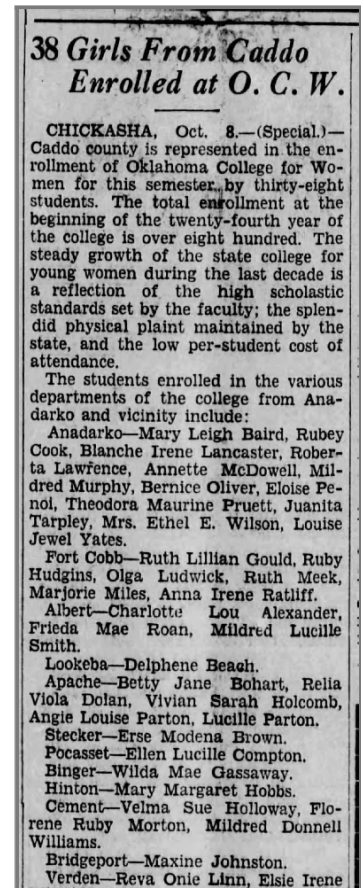


Figure 117: Rubey Enrolls in College

## Meeting & Courtship

Rubey only got average to below average grades at OCW. In her first semester, the 1932-1933 school year, she completed 14 hours covering the basics...

3 hours English 1	3 hours Psychology 1
2 hours Euthenics 1	2 hours Commerce 21
3 hours History 1	1 hour Physical Education 1

Physical Education was apparently a requirement as she took a different version of that during all eight semesters at OCW. Euthenics is the study of the improvement of human function and well-being by improving living conditions.

During the second semester, Rubey completed 18 hours, a difficult schedule that included classes in...

3 hours English 1b	2 hours Education 37
3 hours History of Economics 1	3 hours Psychology 2
3 hours History 1b	1 hour Physical Education
0 hours Commerce 21b	1 hour French Lecture 2
2 hours Education 16	

She withdrew from the Commerce class without any penalty to her GPA. For the first time Rubey showed an interest in education through the choice of two classes during the same semester. She made Cs and Ds during both semesters earning grade point averages of 1.64 and 1.50 for the two semesters respectively, about a D+ or C- level.<sup>234</sup> Rubey invited her mother to a Mother's Day program at the college which was held on Sunday May 14th.

Stanley probably enrolled in the Anadarko Business College in the spring of 1933. The school was known for turning out stenographers and bookkeepers in just a few months and placing them into paying jobs, *"It was run by Amos Ward and I did real good in bookkeeping. I'd have a set of books and I worked that out in a couple of days. He'd get mad at me 'cause I worked so quick. He said, 'You take it back.' So, I'd take it back and put in my desk and get another one - the next step. I'd work them out and I'd take the new one, I mean the old one, in and he'd approve them and then he said, 'Get another set.' Well, I was already done with that set and had another one. So, I finally just had to wait until he got ready to grade my score because he wouldn't grade if it didn't take me two or three weeks to do it. I'd generally do it in three or four days. But in math and bookkeeping, I was always pretty sharp."*<sup>235</sup>

By June 7th, Rubey was on summer break from college. Once again, the format of the article in the county paper doesn't make it clear whether she was at home in Boone or at home in Anadarko.

On July 12th, Stanley went to a lawn party, "One of the most delightful events among the younger set," at 605 West Georgia. Mrs. Don Baldwin hosted the party honoring Louise Allen of Oklahoma City. The group played bridge and danced.<sup>236</sup>

Before returning to college at OCW in early September, Rubey visited with 'Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilkes' and their family near Boone.<sup>237</sup> The article may be slightly inaccurate as J. T. Wilkes was an eleven-year-old son of John William Wilkes and Myrtle Mullenax Wilkes. Myrtle was a classmate of Rubey's at Boone school.

On the first of September, Stanley went to a dance at the Dutcher home on East Broadway for Beg Hartshorn and Richard Dutcher who were going to A. & M. College, now Oklahoma State University, in Stillwater. *"At ten-thirty Doreen Hutchins gave a tap dance."*<sup>238</sup>

Rubey returned to OCW for her sophomore year on September 9th.<sup>239</sup> Just a few days later, on the 20th, Stanley and Willie Law were reported to be in Chickasha visiting.<sup>240</sup>

At the end of September Rubey was in Anadarko for Beryl Karns' wedding shower. The shower must have doubled as a school reunion as many of Rubey's friends were there. Stella Hall and Bernice Oliver were hostesses in the Oliver home on East Main. Others present included, Philip Fitz, Jewel Yates, Audra Williams, Mary Leigh Baird, Hazel Hall, and others.<sup>241</sup>

According to the October 13th student paper of OCW, called 'The Trend,' Rubey was one of 73 students employed by the college. She worked at Nellie Sparks dormitory along with 16



**Figure 118: Nellie Sparks Hall**

other students. Rubey's friend Abbie Lee Parish also worked there. The article is not specific about Rubey's duties but she is clearly trying to help pay her own way.<sup>242 243</sup>

The Anadarko Daily News listed people who had pledged to buy from Blue Eagle establishments; Stanley and Jim Hall were among those who signed.

The Blue Eagle is a result of the 1933 National Recovery Act signed by President Roosevelt. The act authorized the president to regulate industry for fair wages and prices that would stimulate economic recovery. It also established the Public Works Administration.<sup>244</sup> *"Anadarko business firms are lining up under President Roosevelt's plan for recovery under the terms of the National Recovery Act. Today found several business firms with the 'Blue Eagle' of business recovery displayed in their stores."*<sup>245</sup>

On Friday night, October 6th, Stanley and some friends were visiting in Chickasha.<sup>246</sup> No further information was given about the visit. The next Wednesday, Stanley went to a bridge party and dance at Mary Leigh Baird's house at 114 West Oklahoma. Rubey wasn't there but a lot of friends went including...<sup>247</sup>

Mary Burch  
Thelma Farmer  
Anna Farmer  
Betty Campbell  
Phillip Fitz  
Jewel Yates  
Mrs. W. D. Bachley  
Mrs. Ed McClure

Andy Allen  
Merton Bristow  
F. J. Callahan  
Carl Hall  
**Stanley Hall**  
Harold Forrester  
Wilburn 'Willie' Law

Kenneth Michaels  
Claude Nixon  
Al Rogers  
Jimmie Willis  
Ed McClure  
W. D. Bachley

In early December Rubey traveled to Boone to visit her mother and other relatives in the area.<sup>248</sup>

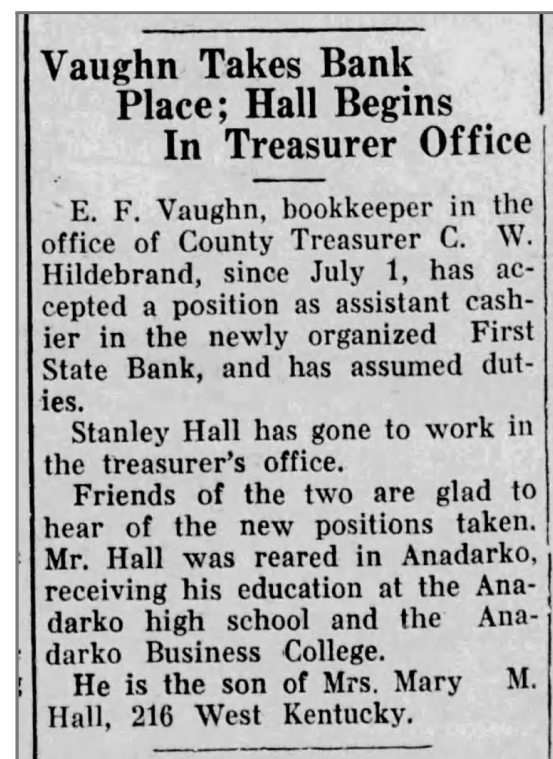
Rubey and Louise Lancaster spent the weekend of December 22nd in Anadarko. Louise also attended OCW and was to become Stanley's second wife many years later.

After spending Christmas with her mother, she visited with Ruth and her husband, Gordon Burnett, before returning to Chickasha on January 4, 1934, to resume her studies.<sup>249</sup>

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## Stanley's 1st Professional Job 1934

Stanley talked about how he got the job at the treasurer's office, *"After I got out of business college, I was maybe 21 years old. C. W. Hildebrand was county treasurer at the time. He was real good friends with Jim and needed somebody in the treasurer's office to work as a*



**Figure 119: Stanley Works in Treasurer's Office**

*bookkeeper. Well Jim said, 'I've got a brother that's graduating out of the business college' but I wasn't 21 yet. So, I had to wait a couple of months and he said, 'Well, I'll just hold the job open.' So, he held the job open and I went to work up there at the County Treasurer's office as just a bookkeeper. I learned...I kept books for about a hundred school districts and all the different subdivisions of the county...thirty-six different sections that they had to take care of beside that. They had their own county government. We got this money and we'd divide among the school districts, whatever their levy was in that particular district. They still do that at the county treasurer's office. I was 21 years old then. I went to work in March when I was 21 in 1934. In the county treasurer's office, see this was still during the depression time, and we made some ten to fifteen or twenty statements on each piece of property in Caddo County and every one of them was subject to tax, you know, and foreclosure. When the people would get loans on their property to try to pay off their taxes and everything, they had to know how much taxes was back and even in foreclosure they had to know that. We collected while I was still there in that year, we collected all*

*that back tax and all the paving tax and when I left, the county was in excellent condition. That wasn't me; conditions had just improved. But it shows how much work we did in the county treasurer's office.*<sup>250</sup>

According to the newspaper, Stanley started working at the Caddo County Treasurer's office at the first of the year.<sup>251</sup> This was a milestone in his work life and probably made it easier for Stanley and Rubey to consider getting married. Stanley replaced E. F. Vaughn who moved to the newly organized First State Bank after only six months at the treasurer's office. *"Mr. Hall was reared in Anadarko, receiving his education at the Anadarko High School and the Anadarko Business College."* Stanley's new boss was C. W. Hildebrand, the Caddo County Treasurer since 1932. Hildebrand arrived in Caddo County about the same time as Stanley's parents in 1903. He was older than Stanley by about 25 years and must have served as a role model for



Stanley's professional life. In Hildebrand's statement in support of his election, he promised honesty, efficiency and courtesy. With regard to employees, "*I promise to use only competent help and only enough required to do the work.*" Details of the County Commissioners meeting were published starting in June, 1934, and Stanley's monthly salary was \$75.00.<sup>252</sup> Titles and salaries in his office were...<sup>253</sup>

C. W. Hildebrand, County Treasurer.....	\$200.00
J. W. Pieratt, Deputy County Treasurer .....	\$115.00
Truman Melton, Deputy County Treasurer .....	\$75.00
Stanley Hall, Deputy County Treasurer.....	\$75.00

A month after starting work at the treasurer's office, on February 3rd, Stanley and a few friends went to the Student Government Dance at O. C. W. in Chickasha. Those who traveled with Stanley were Maxine Maxwell, Mary Leigh Baird, Elvi De Wilson and Willie Law.<sup>254</sup>

On March 12th, Stanley and Stella were treated to a surprise birthday party, "Friends who were in attendance at the Dutch lunch, followed by an evening of informality, included..."<sup>255</sup>

Stella Hall	Mary Burch
Mary Leigh Baird	Thelma Farmer
Lorraine Thornton	Genevieve Williams
Phillip Fitz	Daisy Peters, Verden
Penny Cummings	<b>Stanley Hall</b>
Hazel Graham	

Rubey participated in a ping-pong tournament sponsored by Physical Education Class 150. She represented the North Hall.

In April, Rubey was home for Easter and returned to Chickasha on April 4th.<sup>256</sup>

On the first of May, Rubey and Stanley went dancing at the Blossom Heath Villa with a group. Those who went...<sup>257</sup>

Ed McClure	<b>Stanley Hall</b>
Mrs. Ed McClure	Wilburn 'Willie' Law
Hazel Graham	Carl Hall
Margaret Callahan	Dave Miller
Penny Cummings	Ham Hamilton
Phillip Fitz	Kenneth Michaels

**Rubey Cook**

Genevieve Williams  
Hazel Thornton, OK City  
Truman Melton

Blossom Heath was a club located on 39th Street about a mile and a half west of May Avenue in Oklahoma City. They specialized in dinner shows and dancing.<sup>258</sup> This night was "Scotch Nite at the Villa featuring Paul Specht and his famous Inaugural Orchestra." Women got in for free and men had to pay twenty-five cents before 9:30 or seventy-five cents after. This night appears to be just dancing and '\$1.00 Blossom Heath dinners.' Paul Specht's orchestra played at the Villa every few weeks.



Figure 120: Blossom Heath May Day Dance

According to publicity about the Paul Specht orchestra, "...played for President Roosevelt's inaugural ball...the only [orchestra] that has been distinguished with an invitation to play for three successive presidential inaugurations."

On May 10th, Stanley drove to Eldorado, Kansas with his brother Jim and his future brother-in-law, Raymond Brooks.<sup>259</sup> They picked up Stanley's uncle, John Longenecker, who came for an extended visit. While the news reports are a little confusing, it appears that Uncle John's wife, Stanley's Aunt Cora and their son, Wesley, arrived about a month later<sup>260</sup> and spent just a few days before returning to Kansas.<sup>261</sup>

During the 1933-1934 school year, Rubey completed 28 hours toward her degree. She had a much-reduced schedule in the fall of 1933, followed by more challenging semester in the spring of 1934. She earned 10 hours during the first semester including...

- 0 hours French 1a
- 4 hours Botany 1
- 3 hours Education 20
- 2 hours Physical Education 3
- 1 hour Physical Education 2

She failed French 1a and the only real cost was apparently missing the credits she would have earned. Using my calculations, her GPA would have been 1.3 for the semester but the failure in French counted against her GPA, reducing it from 1.3 without the three-hour class to 1.0 with it.<sup>262</sup>

During the second semester in the Spring 1934, Rubey earned 18 hours toward graduation including credits in...

- 2 hours History 36
- 3 hours Math 7
- 2 hours Economics 1
- 2 hours Psychology 123
- 2 hours Education 13
- 3 hours Education 33
- 3 hours Education 26
- 1 hour Physical Education

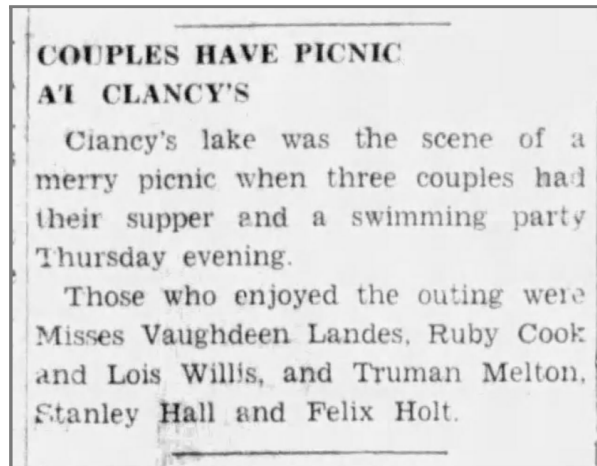
This semester was Rubey's best performance with respect to GPA so far. She completed a challenging 18-hour schedule with a GPA of 1.72.

During the summer, Stanley traveled to Oklahoma City for dancing with members of Beta Sigma Phi at the Oklahoma University Club Terrazza Garden. I don't know who invited him, but there was a chapter in Chickasha and perhaps Rubey belonged or was invited by a member.

Beta Sigma Phi was created during the Great Depression to help expose women to social, cultural and educational opportunities.<sup>263</sup> According to Wikipedia, the organization is non-academic with over 200,000 members all over the world.<sup>264</sup>

On the 25th of June, Stanley and some friends went to Medicine Park. Lee Calvert and Milton Campbell from Carnegie, Stanley and Truman Melton from Anadarko joined Felix Holt, a student from Anadarko Business College.<sup>265</sup>

At the end of June, Stanley and Rubey joined four other friends at Clancy's Lake. For the first time, Stanley and Rubey were reported in a group described as 'couples.'<sup>266</sup>



**Figure 121: Clancy's Lake Picnic**

On the 4th of July, Stanley and Rubey returned to Medicine Park for the festivities and lots of dancing opportunities. Willie Law went with them.<sup>267</sup> The College Ramblers had four dances at the Apache Inn to celebrate the 4th...

- 12:30 to 3:30 am
- 5:00 to 8:00 am Sunrise Dance
- 2:00 to 5:00 pm
- 9:00 to 12:00 pm



**Figure 122: July 4th Dances at Apache Inn**

Medicine Park is a resort area near the Wichita Wildlife Refuge. In the 1930s it was a place where many people from Anadarko went for picnics, swimming and celebrations. Stanley mentioned it to me over the years as a place where they went to dance. Bob Wills and The Texas Playboys were regulars at the dance hall from 1929 through the late 1930s.<sup>268</sup> There were two places to stay, The Outside Inn and the Apache Inn. In July 1934, there were over 300 stone cottages in Medicine Park.<sup>269</sup>

On July 10th, Stanley went to a picnic in Randlett Park for the Ettinger family from Little Falls, Minnesota. His friend Kenneth Michaels was there as well as his old boss, Klon Summers.<sup>270</sup>

On the 23rd, Eloise McCown hosted a dance at her home at the Kiowa Agency, "*Dancing to radio music, guests were served punch at intervals throughout the evening.*" This was a pretty large party with a lot of new names and a few from Stanley's high school class. Stanley's brother, Carl, was there.<sup>271</sup>

In early August, Alpha Chi Omega entertained prospective members at a supper and bridge party. Better Hume was the hostess. Rubey and nine other "...girls who were planning to attend the University of Oklahoma" attended.<sup>272</sup>

On Sunday, September 23rd, Stanley and Truman Melton were visiting in Chickasha. The article doesn't give any further details about their visit.<sup>273</sup> The Trend newspaper published by OCW indicates that there was a formal XTA Chi dinner followed by bridge on Friday, but nothing on Sunday.

On the 27th, Stanley and Truman Melton went to Oklahoma City for the state fair and three days later he and a group of friends took Willie Law back to Norman where he was a student at O. U..<sup>274</sup> Those making the trip with Stanley and Willie were Carl Hall, Heldon Karns and Truman Melton.

In early November, Ruth was Rubey's guest in Chickasha when, "...the senior hall residents held open house at the Oklahoma College for Women."<sup>275</sup>

In Mid-October, Stanley served as best man for Cephas Kelly of Cement. The ceremony was at the Presbyterian Church in Anadarko. Cephas lived and went to school in Cement until about 1928. They may have met during the summer as Cephas passed the senior life saving class at the Anadarko pool in August 1928.<sup>276</sup> Several of Stanley and Rubey's friends were in the same swimming class including, Elfreda Hammert, David Brack and Paul Methvin.<sup>277</sup> Cephas graduated in the same class as Stanley.<sup>278</sup>

The high school homecoming game was November 9th. There was a celebration program in the high school auditorium. Stanley danced with Stella as part of the program. I'm just guessing that Rubey was probably there too. An almost overwhelming agenda was planned including...

1. Remembrance of the first graduate
2. School activities from former years discussion
3. Presentation of the pep squad and the football team
4. Welcome by H. L. Hensley, superintendent
5. Solo by Dean Williams and piano by Edna Butterfield
6. Tap dance by Stanley and Stella Hall
7. Solo by Jeanette Dutcher
8. A one act play
9. Introduction of all alumni present and the board of education



Rubey spent Thanksgiving and her birthday at home, probably in Boone, since her mother had just returned there after staying in Anadarko for a while.<sup>279, 280</sup>

During Christmas break Rubey and several other Anadarko graduates were noted as visiting from OCW including Abbie Lee Parrish 1932, Louise Lancaster 1933, Rubey 1932, Arthur Lory Morris 1932 and Eloise Penoi.<sup>281</sup> There was a Christmas greeting from Caddo county in the local paper that listed Stanley as deputy county treasurer and he was rehired for the next year at the same \$75 per month.

**1935:** In 1935 Rubey was living at 800 South 17th in Chickasha according to the city directory.<sup>282</sup> She continued to work in the Nellie Sparks cafeteria on campus and found time for other activities.<sup>283</sup>

In mid-January she met with Beta Gamma for a short meeting. The group celebrated winning the 'Doll Contest' sponsored by the YWCA. Rubey was on the committee for this contest along with Louise Lancaster and Frances Watkins.<sup>284</sup>

In February, Stanley's boss, Mr. Hildebrand, was recognized for having the "*best run Treasurer office in the state*" according to a representative from the U.S. Fidelity & Guarantee Bonding Company.<sup>285</sup> The reporter added, "*This speaks volumes for Mr. Hildebrand and his*



**Figure 123: Rubey's Junior Picture, 1935**

*office force consisting of James Pieratt, formerly of Apache, Truman Melton, formerly with the Liberty Drug Store in Carnegie and Stanley Hall, a well-known resident of Anadarko.*"

In January Rubey was visiting friends in Anadarko.<sup>286</sup>

On March 1st, Rubey attended a Beta Gamma party in the Austin Hall Parlor.<sup>287</sup> The party was decorated for George Washington's birthday. Rubey and 12 other women were there including Louise Lancaster.

Rubey spent the March 23rd weekend in Anadarko with Ruth and her husband.<sup>288</sup> She returned the next month for another weekend with Ruth and Gordon.<sup>289</sup>

Three weeks later on May 12th Rubey traveled from OCW to visit her mother in Boone.<sup>290</sup>

Under the heading of Alumni News, the Anadarko paper reported, "*Abbie Lee Parrish 1933, Arthur Lory Morris 1933 and Rubey Cook 1930 [sic 1932] are re-enrolling at O.C.W.*"<sup>291</sup>

In early March, Stanley and Stella were listed as members of the chorus for the American Legion Minstrel show.<sup>292</sup>

Stanley and Kenneth Michaels went to Duncan on April 12th and the article didn't specify a reason.<sup>293</sup> Kenneth had lived in Duncan before and they may have visited someone there that he knew.

On April 27th, several people from Anadarko went to the XTA Chi dance at OCW in Chickasha including...<sup>294</sup>

Glenn Brabant

**Stanley Hall**

Lee Methvin

Paul Methvin

Paul Herman

Peaches Wilson

Arthur Colbath

Pud Hall

Rubey must have been there. XTA Chi was a social club which sponsored parties, dinners, cards and dances over the years. I haven't found that she was definitely a member, but the group got very little publicity in the usual places. Most mentions of the group focus on their next event or their new members during rush week.<sup>295</sup>

Stanley spent the weekend of May 11th in Lawton with Kenneth Michaels and his family.<sup>296</sup>

## Meeting & Courtship

On Wednesday May 24th, Rubey went to the Beta Gamma in the 'Y room.' The members elected officers for the next year and held a short business meeting. Rubey's friend, Louise Lancaster was elected president. Afterward, there was a short social hour among the 12 members who were there.<sup>297</sup>

During her 1934-1935 school year, Rubey continued to explore different areas of study and it looks like she made a decision to major in Commerce during this time. Her school work for the first semester included classes in...

3 hours French 1a	2 hours Commerce 125
3 hours Math 3	2 hours Economics 1a
3 hours Commerce 20a	1 hour Physical Education 8
2 hours Commerce 26	

...and second semester classes included...

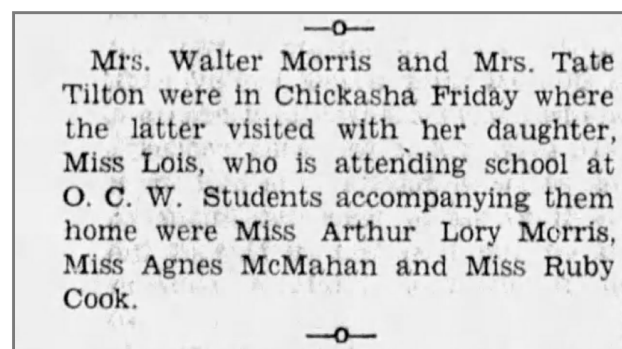
2 hours English 112	2 hours Commerce 21b
2 hours History 17	2 hours Commerce 125b
3 hours French 1b	3 hours Commerce 180
3 hours Commerce 20b	1 hour Physical Education

Her GPA was 1.63 and 1.56 for the two semesters respectively.

On July 13th Stanley and Kenneth Michaels went to Lawton again and stayed with Kenneth's parents. On July 21st, while Rubey was on summer break from OCW, Flora McCormack visited her in Boone.<sup>298</sup> Flora was a friend in Apache who graduated from OCW earlier in the year. The next day Rubey met Eloise Penoi, Jeanne Richey and Louise Lancaster in Apache for the day.<sup>299</sup>

On August 4th, Stanley and his sister, Clara, took their mother, Mary, to Kansas City, Missouri. They visited Lewis Hall and his family there.<sup>300</sup> According to the article, Stanley was on a two-week vacation from the treasurer's office.

Stanley and Kenneth Michaels went away for the weekend of September 7th, visiting Duncan and Lawton.<sup>301</sup> Two weeks later, on the 20th, they went to the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus south of the fairgrounds in Lawton.<sup>302, 303</sup>



**Figure 124: Rubey Returns to OCW**

In the Tuesday Society Notes of September 10th, Elizabeth Ray reported on students returning to college and Rubey was named among those going to OCW.<sup>304</sup> Just four days later on the 20th Rubey was back in Anadarko for the week.<sup>305</sup> She apparently caught a ride with Lois Tilton's mother who was visiting Chickasha.<sup>306</sup>

Stanley and Kenneth Michaels were spending a lot of weekends together. On October 2nd, they went to Lawton to visit friends.

On October 4th, Rubey was on the nominating committee for her dormitory, the Senior Hall House Board. The group was appointed by Dean Hawkins and was to provide a slate of officers for the entire house to vote on.<sup>307</sup>

On the 26th of October Stanley and Kenneth Michaels went to the student government dance at OCW in Chickasha.<sup>308</sup>

Rubey returned to Anadarko for Thanksgiving break<sup>309</sup> and for Christmas break.<sup>310</sup> Sometime in 1935 and certainly by Thanksgiving, Rubey's mother moved to Anadarko and was living with Rubey's sister, Myrtle. Rosa's July 1942 obituary stated that she moved to Anadarko

"seven years ago."<sup>311</sup> So this holiday is more clearly in Anadarko versus her old home near Boone.

## 1936, Last Semester & Graduation from OCW

In February Rubey took a break from her studies at OCW to attend a wedding shower for Stella Hall, Stanley's twin sister. Bernice Oliver was hostess at her home at 202 North Eleventh street. Rubey's future in-laws were there including...

- Mary Hall, Stanley's mother
- Hazel Brooks, Stanley's sister
- June Lane, Stanley's sister
- Ruth Reiss, Stanley's sister
- Margaret Longenecker, Stanley's cousin<sup>312</sup>

At the end of March, Rubey and her fellow OCW students, Arthur Lory Morris and Louise Lancaster traveled to Anadarko to see 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Broadway theater.<sup>313</sup>

Stanley and several others from Anadarko visited Chickasha in May. Others in the group...<sup>314</sup>

- Heldon Karnes
- Paul Flowers
- Andy Allen
- Raymond Shields

Rubey was home for Easter on the 12th of April.<sup>315</sup>

Rubey participated in the annual May Day dance festival at OCW on May 1st.<sup>316</sup> The festival was called 'World Peace.' *"The festival opened with a parade of the flags representing 64 nations...followed by national dances."*<sup>317</sup>

On May 6th, Rubey was included on a list of seniors at OCW by the Anadarko Daily News.<sup>318</sup> In May of 1936, Rubey sent her mother an invitation to Mother's Day at the Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha. The envelope was addressed to Rosa "c/o W. T. Sparks" in Anadarko.<sup>319</sup> The invitation was clearly special to Rosa because she kept it.

During the 1935-1936 school year, Rubey earned the final 31 credit hours required to graduate including...

3 hours Commerce 30a	3 hours French 12b
3 hours Commerce 171a	2 hours Geography 101
2 hours Commerce 181	3 hours Commerce 30b
3 hours Economics 120a	3 hours Economics 120b
3 hours French 12	1 hour Education 50
1 Hour Physical Education	1 hour Religious Education
2 hours English 222	1 hour Physical Education

Her grade point average was 1.80 and 1.25 for the two semesters. The 1.80 is the highest GPS of her college career.

After four years at OCW, Rubey had earned the 125 hours necessary for graduation. At the end of May, Rubey graduated from Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha and her mother certainly would have been there.<sup>320</sup> According to Rubey's niece Doris Marie [Mason] Littrell,

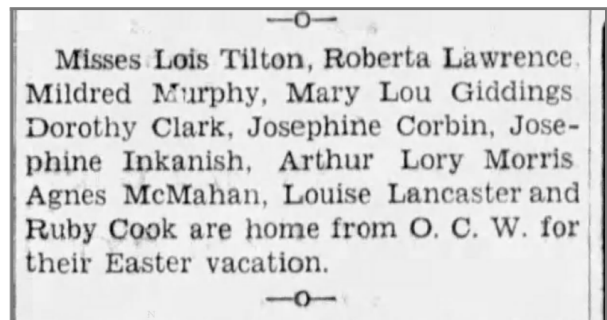


Figure 125: Rubey Home for Easter

Rubey's mother was a woman who placed great value on education and "*considered her life fulfilled when her youngest daughter, Rubey, obtained her teaching degree.*"<sup>321</sup> Rubey was the first person in the family to get a college degree. According to the newspaper account, her degree was a Bachelor of Science with a major in commerce, but she did get an Oklahoma teacher's certificate in May.<sup>322</sup>



### Seven Caddo County Girls In List of O. C. W. Seniors

Seven Caddo county girls who will receive degrees from the Oklahoma College for Women this spring officially donned caps and gowns in the annual senior assembly at the college this morning.

Sophomores seated in the balcony threw the college colors of yellow and gold on the graduates as they marched in.

The Caddo county girls in the 1936 class are; Roberta R. Lawrence, Mary Meeker, Rubey Cook, Ruby Hudgins, and Mildred Murphy Anadarko; Lahoma Butler, Carnegie; and Mary Josephine Cronin, Cement.

**Figure 126: Rubey, OCW Senior Picture**

This graduation was a moment that Stanley and Rubey had set as a goal to be met before they got married.

Graduation week was a busy one for Rubey with both final examinations and graduation activities...

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Friday May 22 .....	All day .....	Examinations
Sunday, May 24 .....	11:00 am .....	Baccalaureate
Monday May 25 .....	All day .....	Examinations
.....	8:15 pm .....	Commencement Play
Tuesday May 26.....	All day .....	Examinations
.....	Sundown.....	Senior Pilgrimage
Wednesday May 27, .....	10:00 am .....	Commencement



On Tuesday May 26th, Rubey and all of the graduating seniors, "...made a last pilgrimage of all the buildings of the college at sundown...led by class president Miss Jewel Syble Herndon..." They walked through each building in turn...

1. Austin Hall
2. Physical Education Building
3. Willard Hall
4. The President's home
5. Southeast Hall
6. Lawson Hall
7. Canning Hall
8. Home Management House
9. Infirmary
10. Senior Hall
11. North Hall
12. Nellie Sparks

After a short talk at Nellie Sparks, where Rubey had worked, "...as is customary the students living in this dormitory led the seniors in singing the 'College Hymn.'<sup>111323</sup> On the steps of the Administration building, Dr. M. A. Nash, president, said, "It was some four years ago that

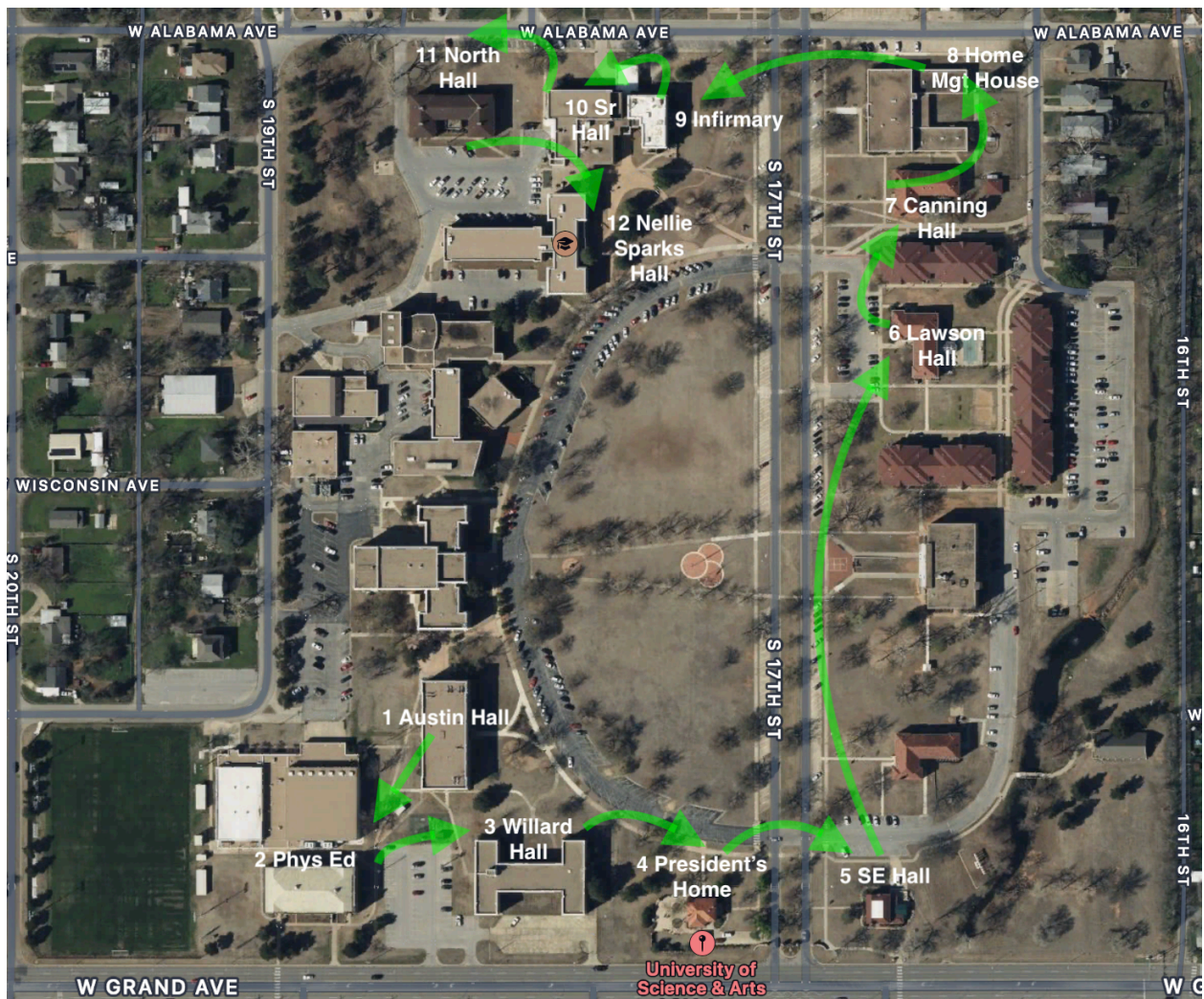


Figure 127: May 26 Campus Pilgrimage Route



## Meeting & Courtship

*you made your first official connection with the Oklahoma College for Woman at this building. We want you to know that you have a bank account of friendship at this college on which you can never overdraw.*"<sup>324</sup> The map shows the locations that Rubey visited in during this walk.

The newspaper reported that Stanley and Ruth went to Rubey's graduation ceremony in Chickasha on the morning of May 27th.<sup>325</sup> Roberta Campbell Lawson, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs addressed the graduates, *"I would have you be a modern woman. In order to stay where you are, you have to work hard. You are living in a new era."* Oklahoma Governor, E. W. Marland, was there and gave a short talk.<sup>326</sup>

## Wedding and Honeymoon

Apparently, Stanley and Rubey waited to get married until after Rubey's graduation from OCW. There was no extended formal engagement like is so common today. I don't know when they first decided to get married. The public announcement came just three days after graduation and they were married a week after that.

On June 1st, Louise Lancaster hosted a dinner for Rubey and Stanley at 205 West Georgia. Donna Jo Sparks, Rubey's niece, and Katherine Gibbs served a three-course dinner.

According to the newspaper, "*Streamers of pink and white extended from the chandelier to the large dinner table, which was centered with white lilies. White wedding bells, decorated pink nut cups, and a large white cake appropriate to the color scheme.*" A number of friends and relatives were there including...<sup>327</sup>

### Dinner Announces Coming Marriage

Honoring Miss Rubey Cook and Stanley Hall, whose marriage will be an event of June 8, Miss Louise Lancaster entertained at dinner Monday evening in her home, 205 West Georgia.

Streamers of pink and white extended from the chandelier to the large dinner table, which was centered with white lilies. White wedding bells, decorated pink nut cups, and a large white cake appropriate to the color scheme.

The three course dinner was served by Miss Donna Jo Sparks, neice of Miss Cook, and Miss Katherine Gibbs.

Invited guests were the honorees, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stewart of Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Burnett, Mrs. Lancaster, Miss Alda Nell Stone of Marlow, Miss Abbie Lee Parrish, Kenneth Michels of Lawton, Andy Allen, Truman Melton and C. H. Boyles.

**Figure 128: Wedding Announcement,  
May 30, 1936**

Donnah Jo Sparks  
Louise Lancaster  
Katherine Gibbs  
Leonard Stewart, Duncan  
Mrs. Leonard Stewart, Duncan  
Gordon Burnett  
Ruth Burnett  
Mrs. Lancaster

Alda Nell Stone, Marlow  
Abbie Lee Parrish  
Kenneth Michaels, Lawton  
Andy Allen  
Truman Melton  
C. H. Boyles

Rubey returned to Louise's house on June 4th for a wedding shower courtesy of Louise and her mother, Buena Lancaster, "*A large white bell hung from the chandelier. Gifts were found under it. The pink and white color scheme was carried out in the center bouquet of white lilies with pink roses. Punch and white cakes, decorated with pink were served. The following were invited guests...*"<sup>328</sup>

#### Rubey's Relatives

Sister, Ruth [Cook] Burnett  
Sister, Isa Mason, Apache  
Sister-in-law, Mellie Cook, Apache  
Mother, Rosa Cook

#### Rubey's Friends

Mrs. Ed McClure  
Mary Leigh Baird  
Abbie Lee Parrish  
Mary Meeker  
Arthur Lory Morris  
Mrs. Leonard Stewart, Duncan

Future sister-in-law, Stella Fisher  
Future sister-in-law, Hazel Brooks  
Future sister-in-law, Mrs. Charlie Lane  
Future mother-in-law, Mary Hall

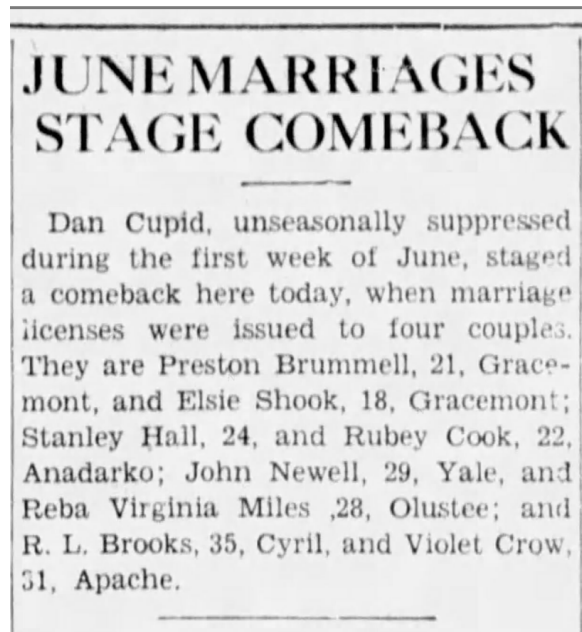
Hazel Graham  
Susan Graham  
Alda Nell Stone, Marlow  
Mary Virginia Hill, Cement  
Agness McMahan  
Mrs. Claude Nixon

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Mrs. Joe West  
Mrs. Glenn Nixon  
Miss Bernice Oliver  
Mrs. Ray Oliver  
Mrs. Bert Oliver  
Mrs. Arnold Michaels  
Mrs. Feegee Parrish  
Mrs. Coyett Hamm, Fort Cobb

Miss Lois Willis  
Mrs. Merton Bristow  
Miss Edna Ferguson  
Miss Annette McDowell  
Miss Betty Hume  
Miss Lois Tilton  
Miss Mary Lou Giddings

Stanley and Rubey were issued a marriage license on June 6th, 1936, two days before the wedding.



**Figure 129: Marriage License Issued**

MARRIAGE RECORD

APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, CADDO COUNTY, IN COUNTY COURT

I, Stanley Hall, the undersigned, hereby apply for a Marriage License to be issued to M Stanley Hall aged 24 years, whose residence is Anadarko, State of Oklahoma and M Miss Ruby Cook aged 22 years, whose residence is Anadarko, State of Oklahoma and for the purpose of procuring the same, do solemnly swear that I have personal knowledge of the facts herein stated; that the names, ages and places of residence of said parties are truly and correctly set out above; that neither of said parties are disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the marriage relation, nor are they related to each other within the degrees prohibited by law. That I am 24 years of age, and reside at Anadarko County of Caddo, State of Oklahoma Applicant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of June 1936 By Geo. W. Parrish Court Clerk. (Seal) Opal Howell Deputy.

I, the undersigned, of named in the above application as being of the age of years do hereby consent to marriage to Dated at Oklahoma this day of 193 Parent or Guardian.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, CADDO COUNTY, ss. BEFORE ME, in and for said County and State, on the day of 193, personally appeared to me known to be the identical person who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that executed the same as free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth. Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written. My commission expires 193

MARRIAGE LICENSE

IN COUNTY COURT

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, CADDO COUNTY, To Any Person Authorized to Perform and Solemnize the Marriage Ceremony, GREETINGS: You are hereby authorized to join in marriage, Mr. Stanley Hall of Anadarko County of Caddo, State of Oklahoma, aged 24 years, and M Miss Ruby Cook of Anadarko County of Caddo, State of Oklahoma, aged 22 years, And of this License you will make due return to my office within 30 days from this date. Witness my hand and Official Seal at Anadarko, in said County, this 5th day of June A. D. 1936 Recorded this 12th day of June 1936 By Geo. W. Parrish Court Clerk. (Seal) Opal Howell Deputy.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, County of Caddo, ss. I, John S. Meeker Minister Presbyterian OFFICIAL DESIGNATION COURT OF CONGREGATION of Anadarko in Caddo County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this License to be married, on the 7th day of June A. D. 1936 at Anadarko, in Caddo County, State of Oklahoma, in the presence of Louise Lancaster of Anadarko, and Kenneth Michaels of Lawton, Okla. Witness: { Louise Lancaster Kenneth Michaels Rev. John S. Meeker NAME OFFICIAL DESIGNATION Presbyterian Minister Returned and recorded this 12th day of June 1936 By Geo. W. Parrish Court Clerk. Opal Howell Deputy.

Figure 130: Marriage License

They were married in the church basement before church at 8:00 a.m. on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1936. Louise Lancaster and Kenneth Michaels were witnesses.<sup>329</sup> I don't know why they had such an informal wedding in the basement where church suppers and Sunday school were held.

Reverend John S. Meeker, minister of the Presbyterian Church performed the ceremony, "*In the presence of relatives and a few intimate friends...*"<sup>330</sup>



From Rubey's family

- Her mother, Rosa Cook
- Her sister, Ruth Burnett
- Her best friend, Louise Lancaster
- Her friend, Hazel Graham

From Stanley's family

- His mother, Mary Hall
- His sister, Stella Fisher
- His brother, Carl Hall
- His brother-in-law, Paul Fisher
- His best friend, Kenneth Michaels

Rubey, "*...wore a gown of printed chiffon, with the predominating figure of green on a white background. Her accessories were of white.*" Her "*attendant was Miss Louise Lancaster, her roommate at Oklahoma College for Women.*" Stanley's best man was "*Kenneth Michaels of Lawton, the best friend of the bridegroom.*"<sup>331</sup>

They took a week for a honeymoon in Texas, "*Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Hall left for a week's wedding trip, which will take them to Galveston, the Texas Centennial, and other points in Texas.*"<sup>332</sup>

**Figure 131: Wedding Announcement**

According to Wikipedia, "*The Texas Centennial was a world's fair presented from June 6 to November 29, 1936 at Fair Park, Dallas Texas.*" It was a celebration of the 100th anniversary of independence from Mexico. The celebration was "*...credited with buffering Dallas from the Great Depression, creating over 10,000 jobs and giving a \$50 million boost to the local economy.*" Many of the 50 buildings created for the Centennial still exist.<sup>333</sup>

Rubey and Stanley may have seen President Franklin D. Roosevelt who was at the Centennial on June 12th. The Texas Hall of State building was still under construction when the celebration opened on June 6th;<sup>334</sup> Rubey and Stanley probably saw that before it was completed.





**Figure 133: Texas Hall of State**

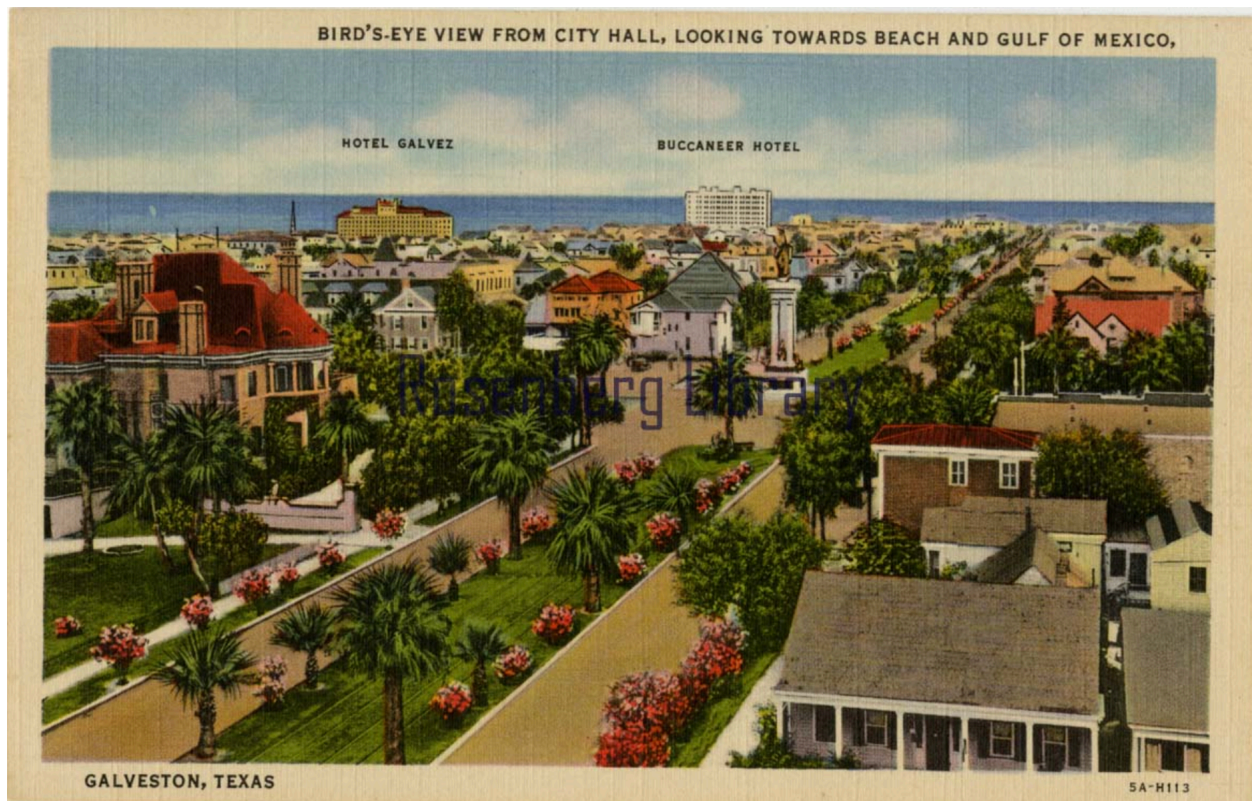


**Figure 132: Rubey on the Beach Near Galveston Seawall**

The seawall was built after a storm in 1900. The first section was finished in 1904 and went from about 6th street west to 39th. The second section was built in 1905 to protect Fort Crockett. The photo of Rubey must have been taken along the several miles of beach between 6th street and 53rd.



**Figure 135: Rubey on Honeymoon, Possibly  
Dallas or Galveston**



**Figure 134: Galveston About 1936**



**Rubey, Galveston June 1936**



## Married Life

After their honeymoon trip, Stanley and Rubey returned to Anadarko and settled into their first home above the Baum Clothing Store. Stanley said it was about 107 West Broadway, but in July 1934 the newspaper reported that J. Luzack "...is working in the new Baum Clothing Store on Main."<sup>335</sup> Miller Confectionary was located at 107 West Main; perhaps they lived at 105 or 109 West Main.

Stanley continued to work at the treasurer's office for \$75 per month. A month after they were married, Stanley got an increase to \$90 per month.<sup>336</sup>

	Documented Activities 1936-1983			
	Rubey	Stanley	Both	Total
<b>Family &amp; Friends</b>	49	69	169	287
<b>Clubs</b>	123	42	21	186
<b>Volunteering</b>	18	139	5	162
<b>Work</b>	19	89	10	118
<b>Community &amp; Alumni</b>	95	13	2	110
<b>Church</b>	40	12	3	55
<b>Hobbies</b>	3	41	1	45
<b>Total</b>	347	405	211	963

I was able to document almost a thousand activities during Stanley and Rubey's married life. Of course there were many more undocumented activities. As a couple, their activities with family and friends naturally took the biggest part of their time. Rubey's other activities included attendance at clubs such as the Grape Myrtle Unit of the Anadarko Flower Clubs and community events such as wedding & baby showers and alumni events. Stanley was more involved in volunteer activities such as collecting donations and serving on boards like the Chamber of Commerce. They both participated in more activities on their own than as a couple but both liked to play cards and attended card clubs.



## Family & Friends

**1936:** In early August, Rubey's brother, Elmer, his wife Myrtle, and their daughter Carol came to Anadarko from Longview, Texas for the weekend. They visited with Rubey, Ruth and Myrtle.<sup>337</sup>

In September Rubey and Stanley went to a birthday dinner for Buena Lancaster at 205 West Georgia. Others who were there included...<sup>338</sup>

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Melencamp

Charles Boyles

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Coleman

Mrs. Ola Gibbs

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Melton

Miss Louise Lancaster, OCW

At the end of September, Rubey's college friend, Alda Nell Stone, visited Anadarko from Chattanooga where she taught school. They also spent time with Louise Lancaster.<sup>339</sup>

In early October 1936, Stanley was mentioned in a piece called the Candid Reporter, *"Vaughndean Landes Rosser thinks she has enough names without being called 'Lulu'...and Stanley Hall who contributed the above, wears ruby nail polish on one thumb and rust color on the other."*<sup>340</sup>

On a Sunday in mid-October Stanley and Rubey visited Chickasha. The article doesn't mention why they went or who they met there. It was only a few months after Rubey's graduation from OCW and I assume their visit was related to people she knew there.

**1937:** Stanley and Rubey moved into the Catholic Parsonage next door to the church at about 505 West Oklahoma, probably in early 1937. Stanley liked to make beer and he said the Catholic priest would come over and drink it with him.

Rubey maintained a connection with OCW and Stanley stayed connected to his best friend. In early February the newspaper reported, *"Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hall and Kenneth Michaels attended the student government dance at O. C. W. in Chickasha Saturday evening."*<sup>341</sup>

In May Rubey got a short vacation with Ruth Burnett and Edna Ferguson when they went on a several-days road trip to Shreveport, Louisiana, Atlanta Texas, and Texarkana, Arkansas. The article doesn't say what they did in those places or who they saw. They returned on May 25th<sup>342</sup>

At the end of July Rubey and Stanley went to Randlett Park for a surprise picnic supper for Ralph Harrison. Harrison was a retiring county commissioner and must have interacted with Stanley at work. According the paper, members of the 'courthouse gang' and their friends entertained. The location was just west of the armory. Stanley's boss, Mr. Hildebrand was there too.<sup>343</sup>

In early August, Rubey's sister, Iva and her husband, George Roevers came to Anadarko for a visit with Rubey, Ruth and Myrtle.<sup>344</sup>

Later in August, Bruce Dutcher hosted a chicken dinner for three friends at his house nine miles northwest of Anadarko, *"Those seated at the table were Capt. Paul Anderson, Lt. Stanley Hall, Lt. Brewster McFadyen and Lt. Dutcher."*<sup>345</sup> I don't know if there is a second Stanley Hall who is friends with Bruce Dutcher or if the article is in error about the lieutenant title attached to this Stanley Hall. Later in August, Rubey and Stanley had Sunday guests including...<sup>346</sup>

Clara Hall, Oklahoma City

Paul and Stella Fisher

Carl and Ruth Reiss, Apache

Hazel Brooks

Mrs. Walt and Miss Mary Neilson, Perry

In September, Stanley and Rubey went to Oklahoma City with Ruth Burnett.<sup>347</sup> They attended the state fair. Admission was 50 cents for adults. City, county and state offices were closed for a half day to allow workers to attend and it was crowded, *"One of the big attractions of the day was Capt. F. F. Frakes, that dare-devil pilot, who proposed to crash his plane into a wooden building in front of the grandstand during the afternoon rodeo."*<sup>348</sup>

In early November Rubey along with June Lane and Mary Mahala went to Hazel Brooks' house at 329 West Oklahoma for a waffle supper. The supper was for Doris Harmon who was going to Washington DC to be a secretary in Congressman Jed Johnson's office.<sup>349</sup>

Just two weeks after the waffle supper, Rubey gave birth to their first child Stanley Lynn Hall, named after his father.<sup>350</sup> Lynn was born in the Anadarko hospital and came home at four days old on the 22nd.<sup>351</sup>

**1938:** Rubey joined the church in March and the certificate says she was received, "...by confession of her faith in Christ." Lewis Rogers was the pastor and C. Ross Hume, the clerk of session; both signed the certificate.

In July, the Home Owners' Loan Corp deeded the property at 605 West Oklahoma to Stanley and Rubey. It may have been a foreclosure.<sup>352</sup> It was a small two-story house.

In September, Rubey and Stanley entertained company in their new home. Alda Nell Stone from Snyder, Avanelle [Summers] Stewart and her husband Leonard spent the weekend with Rubey and Stanley. Avanelle went to OCW with Rubey. The Stewarts lived in Duncan and Alda Nell's parents lived there as well. The names are familiar to me and I know that Alda Nell came to Rubey and Stanley's engagement dinner and to Rubey's wedding shower. She must have been a good friend.

On December 13th, Rubey took Lynn to a birthday party for Janis Thompson. Lynn was just over one year old and Janis was three. Birthday cake and Jello was served to the twelve children who were there.<sup>353</sup>

**1939:** Near the end of May, Rubey took Lynn to a picnic at Randlett Park, "*A very informal evening was spent with each person doing what he pleased, how he pleased, and when he pleased.*" Lynn's young cousin, Judy Burnett was there as well as Rubey's mother, Rosa. Other friends who came were Mr. and Mrs. Noel Clark and Wanda, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nichols.<sup>354</sup>

In July, Stanley and Rubey went to Springlake Park in Oklahoma City for the Cook family reunion.<sup>355</sup> According to the newspaper, it was the first time since 1919 that the entire family had been together. Cook relatives from Anadarko and Apache included Rosa Cook and her relatives...<sup>356</sup>

<u>Children. &amp; spouses</u>	<u>Grandchildren</u>
Ruth and Gordon Burnett, Anadarko .....	Judy
Rubey and Stanley, Anadarko .....	Lynn
Evert and Mellie Cook, Apache	
Isa Mason, Apache .....	Doris and Billy
Arthur and Lorraine Cook, Perry .....	Billy Ruth, Betty Ann and Arthur Carl
Edith [Cook] Morgan and Glen, Enid .....	
James and Nannie Cook, Three Sands .....	Betty
Elmer and Myrtle Cook, Gladewater, TX .....	Carol
Walter and Maggie Cook, Oklahoma City .....	
Iva [Suggs] Roeber and George, Longview, TX ..	George and Betty
Ella [Cook] Roylance and John, Tonkawa	
<u>Siblings-in-law</u>	
Olivia [Cook] Brack, Loco	
Marvin Cook, Healdton	

An additional family reunion was held in Myrtle's house in Apache following up the July get-together at Springlake. Many of the same people were there this time, "*The only member of the family absent was Mrs. Eva Hiner of Alberta, Can., daughter of Mrs. Rosa Cook and sister of Mrs. Sparks.*"

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Those descendants of Rosa Cook who were not at Springlake and came this time...<sup>357</sup>

<u>Children. &amp; spouses</u>	<u>Grandchildren</u>
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Clarence 'Red' Mason, Apache	Wanda, Doris and Billy
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Walter and Myrtle Sparks, Apache	Donnah Joe
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Stanley's mother, Mary, fed the entire Hall family on Christmas day 1939, "*Guests of Mrs. Mary Hall for Christmas dinner were her children.*" It must have been a great meal and I want to taste the gravy that was served that day. Mary's children and grandchildren who came and tried the gravy...<sup>358</sup>

<u>Children. &amp; spouses</u>	<u>Grandchildren</u>
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Ruth and Carl Reiss, Verden.....	Carl J. and Bobby
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Clara Hall, Oklahoma City

Stanley and Rubey Hall, Anadarko ..... Lynn

Hazel and Raymond Brooks, Anadarko

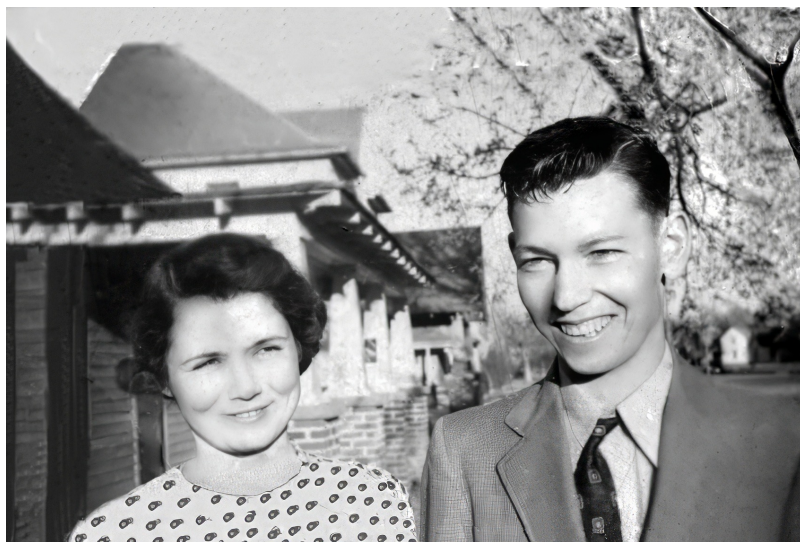
June and Charlie Lane, Anadarko..... Norma Sue and Harold

Stella and Paul Fisher, Rush Springs..... Paula

Carl Hall

Jim Hall

**1940:** On April 10th, Dolly Massingale, Bruce Dutcher's sister, came by the house at 605 West Oklahoma and recorded Stanley and Rubey in the census. Lynn was two years old and Stanley's brother Carl Hall was living with them. Rubey's mother, Rosa, was also living with them. In a quirk of the census system, Rosa was recorded living with Ruth Burnett on April 2nd<sup>359</sup> and with Rubey & Stanley on the 10th; she must have moved between those two dates.



**Figure 136: Rubey & Stanley in Front of 605 W. Oklahoma, about 1940**

The census also shows that Stanley was clerk at the county treasurer's office. They owned the house and it was valued at \$1,500. Stanley's income was \$1,152 per year. The census also correctly shows Rubey's 1935 residence as Chickasha. The Freelin family was living in our future house next door at 607 and Foy Price on the other side at 603 West Oklahoma.

In October, Stanley went to Norman with a large group to see the Oklahoma/Kansas football game. It isn't clear who he went with but I see his boss, Mr. Hildebrand in the group; perhaps Stanley went with him.<sup>360</sup>

On October 16, 1940, Stanley registered for the draft.<sup>361</sup> The card provides a wealth of interesting information about him at age 28. He was 5 feet 8 1/2 inches tall and 130 pounds with grey eyes and brown hair. The document confirms his address at 605 West Oklahoma and his job at the courthouse. The phone number at home was 493J. As a young child, I remember the 493 number that people would give to the operator to call us. The 'J' might mean that it was a party line in 1940. A party line is shared with other houses in the same area; only one house on a party line could talk at any one time. At that time all the phones were black with no dial, just a circle on the base with the number on it. When calling someone, you just picked up

the phone and an operator would ask, "Number please?" You said the number out loud and the operator would connect you. For example, Aunt Ruth Dutcher's number was 368. At some point our 493 number changed to 3493 and then to Chieftain 7-3493 and finally to 247-3493. Stanley had that number until 1986 when he remarried and moved to Washington.

On November 2nd, the Selective Service announced that 800,000 trainees had to be provided by July 1st 1941.

Oklahoma's quota was 38,737 offset by 6,636 in the National Guard and 22,734 other credits for a net 9,365 new soldiers from Oklahoma. According to the system in place at that time, Stanley was not called for the first year or two probably because all of the quota was filled before his number 1,044, was called.

In November, Stanley and Rubey hosted a hamburger fry at their house.<sup>362</sup> This may have been an early version of the Saturday night hamburger fry that happened at our house almost every week in the 1950s and 1960s. Both of my grandmothers, Mary Hall and Rosa Cook were there along with Hazel Brooks, Lynn Hall and James Pieratt.<sup>363</sup> James Pieratt, Stanley and Truman Melton were all deputies under C. W. Hildebrand, the county treasurer. After the hamburgers, "The remainder of the evening was spent informally, climaxed with popping popcorn."<sup>364</sup>

SERIAL NUMBER 1871	1. NAME (Print) WILLIAM STANLEY HALL (First) (Middle) (Last)		ORDER NUMBER 1143
2. ADDRESS (Print) 605 WEST OKLA. ANADARKO CADDO OKLA. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
3. TELEPHONE 493 J	4. AGE IN YEARS 28 DATE OF BIRTH Mar. 13 1912 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	5. PLACE OF BIRTH CADDO OKLA. (Town or county) (State or country)	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Stanley Hall (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)			8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Wife
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 605 West Okla. Anadarko Caddo Okla. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME C. W. Hildebrand			
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Court House Anadarko Caddo Okla. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1		16-17105 Stanley Hall (Registrant's signature)	

Figure 137: Front of Draft Card

REGISTRAR'S REPORT							
DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT							
RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION				
White	5 8 1/2	130	Sallow				
	EYES	HAIR	Light				
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Ruddy				
	Gray	Red	Dark				
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Freckled				
	Brown	Black	Light brown				
Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown				
		Bald	Black				
Filipino							
Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....							
I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:							
Grace Morgan (Signature of registrar)							
Registrar for	33	3	Anadarko	Okla.			
	(Precinct)	(Ward)	(City or county)	(State)			
Date of registration	October 16 1940						
Local Board No. 1 of Caddo County, Post Office Bldg. ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)							
(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space.)							
16-17105							

Figure 138: Back of Draft Card

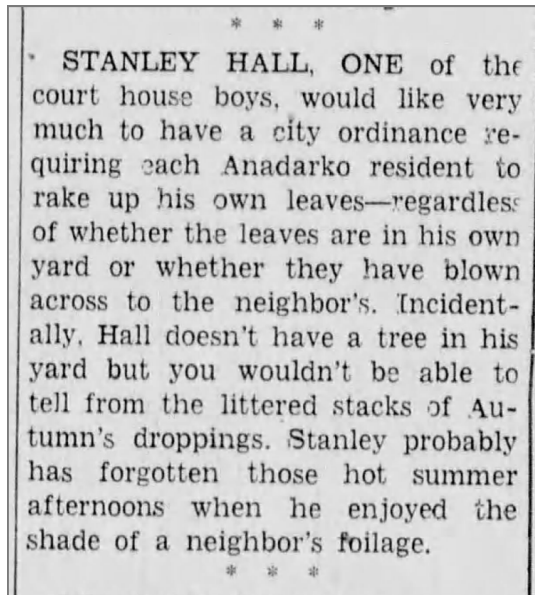


Figure 139: Stanley Lobbies for Leaf Law

in 1940, no one knew what Billy Hamilton would accomplish. This short paragraph is taken directly from his website. *"William A. "Bill" Hamilton is notable for his success in so many fields, including infantry combat, aviation, journalism, business, and for being the co-creator (with his wife) of the award-winning Emily Warner Aviation Museum on Emily Warner Field at Granby, Colorado. Bill's highly-decorated military career is recognized on the Oklahoma Army ROTC Wall of Fame and by the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame. Hamilton is a laureate of the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame, and the Nebraska Aviation Hall of Fame. He was recognized by the North Dakota Aviation Council with its first-ever Outstanding Service Award. He is a laureate of the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame and the Colorado Authors' Hall of Fame. He and Penny, his wife of over 51 years, were named Distinguished Graduates of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Both have been named Grand County Citizens of the Year. In 2023, the Colorado House of Representatives passed a resolution commending Hamilton for his induction into the Colorado Authors' Hall of Fame."*<sup>368</sup>

In June, Rubey took Lynn to the state fair in Oklahoma City to be examined by doctors in a state-wide contest to find the healthiest baby in Oklahoma. Three other Caddo County babies between one and three years old were entered.<sup>369</sup>

On November 22nd, Stanley and Rubey took Lucille Hall to Fort Sill to see Carl who was in the military. Lynn went along too.<sup>370</sup>

On Christmas Eve, Rubey's family from Apache gathered at the Hall home in Anadarko. Those who came from Apache were...<sup>371</sup>

<u>Siblings</u>	<u>Children</u>
Myrtle and Walter Sparks .....	Donna Jo
Isa and Clarence 'Red' Mason .....	Wanda, Doris and Billy
Evert and Mellie Cook.....	Linda

I suspect Ruth and Gordon Burnett were there too, but the article only named people from Apache.

My cousin, Carl Reiss recalled Christmas in the early 1940s, *"Aunt June [Mary June Hall] liked to cook a ham on Christmas. She would ask Uncle Charlie or your dad to score it for her."*



*Then she would marinate it in wine for, oh, three or four days. Then she would cook it and it was really good. She never told any of the relatives that it had wine in it. A week or two before Christmas your mom, Aunt June, and other women in the family would bake cookies. I remember one time they baked gingerbread men, one for each kid. They wrote the kids' names on them and hung them on the tree. Aunt June sat down her kids and told them, 'Don't even touch these cookies or there is going to be trouble.' After just a day or two, Harold got all of them he could reach and ate them. I think he got in trouble for that one. One year they burned Uncle Charlie's hat. He got a brand new Stetson hat for Christmas. He tried it on and really liked it. He put it back in the box while everyone had breakfast. Then they gathered up all of the wrapping paper from the floor, dumped it in the barrel and set it on fire, including Uncle Charlie's hat and some kid's new pajamas. All they could find was the buttons from the pajamas. "*

**1941:** The Cook Family Reunion was held again in July 1941. Those who were there...<sup>372</sup>

Adults

Children

Rubey & Stanley Hall, Anadarko ..... Lynn

Ruth Burnett, Anadarko ..... Judy

Rosa Cook, Anadarko

Arthur & Lorraine Cook, Perry ..... Billie, Betty, Arthur Jr.

Edith & Glenn Morgan, Enid

Ella & John Roylance, Tonkawa

Walter & Maggie Cook, Oklahoma City

Roy & Mattie Cook, Oklahoma City ..... James, Guy, Katherine, Geneva, Jack, Geraldine

Elmer & Myrtle Cook, Gladewater, TX ..... Carol

James & Nannie Cook, Three Sands, TX

In early August Stanley took his mother, Mary, and his sister, Clara, to Kansas City to visit with his brother, Lewis and family.<sup>373</sup> They returned home on the 12th.

In September, "*Incidentally: Stanley Hall wears a grin that might mean that he knows a secret...*"<sup>374</sup>

Rubey went to a wedding shower in Apache for her niece, Donna Jo Sparks in early December. She took her mother Rosa and Lynn with her. It was a good visit since Rubey's sisters, Myrtle and Isa were there as well as many friends from the area.<sup>375</sup>

Ruth and Judy, now Dutcher, stayed with Rubey and Stanley over the holiday and into the new year. Bruce left for his new station in Riverside, California; they were previously in Abilene, Texas.<sup>376</sup>

**1942:** The mysterious smile on Stanley's face last September was probably because another baby was on the way. On February 15th, Stanley and Rubey's second child, William Ray was born in the Anadarko hospital. On the 20th, Rubey and the baby were released from the hospital and Stanley paid their full account in cash, \$62.50...

\$35.00	Surgical
\$16.00	Room
\$5.00	Anaesthetic [sic]
\$6.50	[not specified]
<hr/>	
\$62.50	Total

Rubey made a first-person entry for William Ray in his baby book, "*I went to see Grandma Hall and cried all the time I was there. I just arrived that morning from the hospital and was probably a little tired from that. Then too it was nearly 6:00 p.m. time for my supper. Daddy and Lynn took me in my basket in the car.*" The entire family set about welcoming this new baby. Grandma Rosa Cook gave Rubey and Stanley a baby book to record William Ray's first six

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years. He was a big baby of 8 pounds, 8 ounces. He had brown hair and eyes with an olive complexion inherited from his Grandma Hall and Great Grandma Longenecker. Rubey remarked in his baby book, *"The dearest little boy anyone ever had. Such a pretty little bright healthy boy. So many told us he was the prettiest baby they ever saw."* Grandma Hall said, *"he looked like Lewis (Hall) when he was a baby."* Good wishes and gifts came from everyone they knew...<sup>377</sup>

### Notes, and telegrams...

Hazel and Zip Landes  
Elvie and Neila Roberts

Crape Myrtle Unit  
Presbyterian Guild

### Gifts...

Uncle Lewis and Aunt Bertha Hall, dress  
Mrs. J. A. Willard, dress  
Doris Vaughn, dress  
Leona Hutchins, dress  
Aunt Stella Fisher, booties  
Aunt June Lane, basket  
Doris Marie, socks  
Aunt Mellie Cook, cake  
Grandma Rosa Cook, baby book  
Grandma Mary Hall, dish cloth  
Francis & Jaunita, bank & book  
Caroline Dean, shoes

Brother Lynn Hall, rattle  
Eloise Penoi Schafer, flowers  
Bernice Helm, flowers  
Daddy & Lynn, flowers  
Elvera Goodman, flowers  
Cousin Judy Dutcher, sweater, cap,  
soap, oil, powder  
Mrs. W. A. Hamilton, booties  
Cousins, Inez and Amos Hiner, soap, oil,  
powder  
Irma Dutcher Dixon, dresses and bonds

### William Ray's first visitors...

Daddy, Stanley  
Aunt Ruth Dutcher  
Brother Lynn  
Cousin Judy Dutcher

Grandma Rosa Cook  
Aunt June Lane  
Aunt Ruth Reiss



**Figure 140: Rubey and William Ray about  
20 Feb 1942**

The newspaper took note in early March, *"Incidentally: We finally found out what that smile of Stanley Hall's means."*<sup>378</sup>

William Ray's baby book brutally switches from pure joy on page 16 to sudden and overwhelming sorrow on page 17. On March 9th, Stanley and Rubey's second son, William Ray, died from pneumonia at Saint Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City. The flowers and sympathy cards came just as fast as the congratulations had just a few days earlier. The next 50 pages of the baby book is filled with expressions of sadness and support from over 100 people...

- 71 flowers
- 52 cards
- 1 telegram
- 5 letters

Bruce Dutcher sent a Western Union telegram from his post at the Presidio in San Francisco, *"EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY BRUCE"*

There was a post card from Salty Marxsen in Washington DC. I don't know how Stanley and Rubey knew him, but there were people named Marxsen in Caddo County.

Stanley's brother Carl wrote, "*Bud & Rubey, Hazel called me and told me of the sadness and your loss and I am deeply sorry and extend to you my sympathies. I am sorry I didn't and couldn't be there during this time... Lt Carl E. Hall J.O.T.C Camp Bullis, Texas*"

Louis and Bertha Hall were not able to come, but wrote separate letters. Bertha wrote, "*...you know that our thoughts are of you and your grief in losing the little fellow. It was such a shock this morning when I got the letter from Grandma Hall telling of his illness for he was such a fine big boy. The girls said 'and we didn't even get to see him.'*" Lewis wrote, "*Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this trying hour. Have courage and God will bear you through...We will be with you in prayer and thought and meditation forever. Love, Lewis*"

Rubey's old college friend, Alda Nell Stone, apparently sent a congratulations card after William Ray died, "*Dear Rubey, I just received your letter and I don't know what to say -- I feel terrible about sending you the card at a time like that. I knew my negligence would cause me and someone else pain sometime. I don't have the words to tell you how sorry I am -- so I won't try...*"

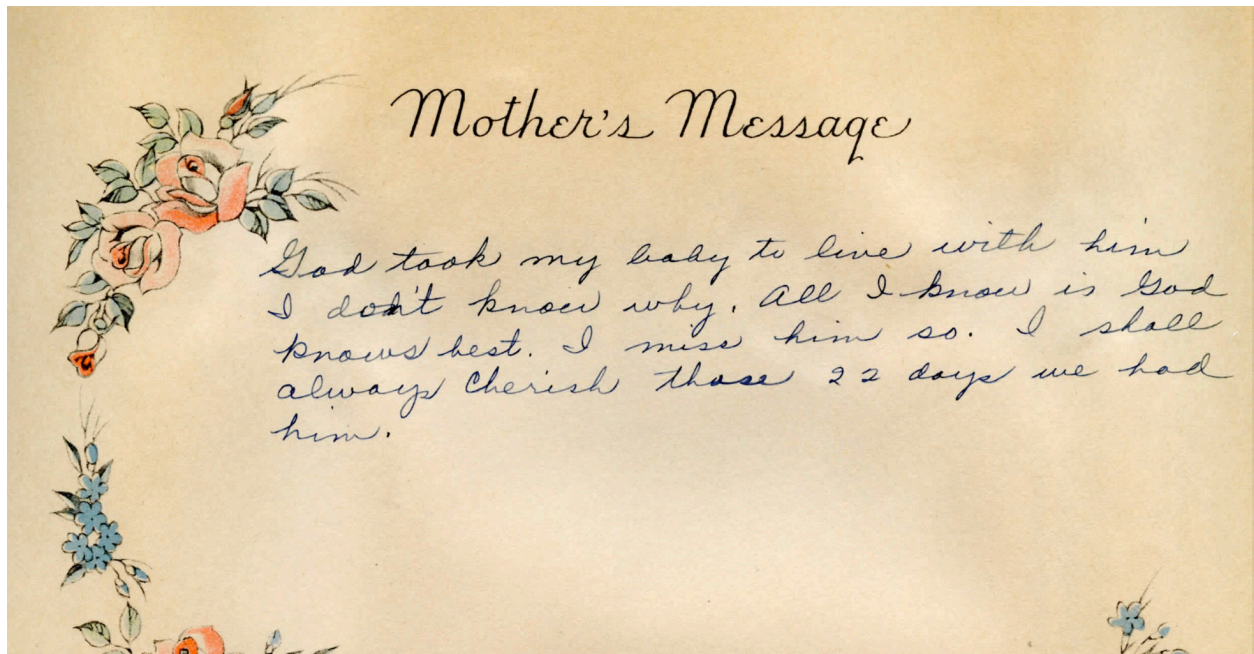


Figure 141: Rubey's Message in William Ray's Baby Book

Stanley and Rubey's friend, Reverend Lewis Rogers, conducted services for William Ray at the Presbyterian church on March 10th at 2:30. Reverend Rogers and his wife Lora had lived next door to Rubey and Stanley before moving to the Presbyterian church in Okemah a year earlier.<sup>379</sup> Edith Hamilton sang 'That Sweet Story of Old' accompanied by Mrs. Ralph Freelin on the piano. William Ray was buried in Memory Lane Cemetery in Anadarko.

Two weeks after William Ray's death, Rubey and Stanley took a trip with June Lane and Clara Hall to Abilene, Texas to visit Stanley's sister Hazel and her husband Lieutenant Raymond Brooks.<sup>380</sup>

Stanley and Rubey must have had concerns about money as they opened a passbook savings account at the American Savings and Loan Association on March 27th and deposited \$10.

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HOME OFFICE FILLS THIS OUT	
No. Shares	10
Cert. No.	66
Date Issued	Mar. 27, 1942.

To THE AMERICAN SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION  
ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA

I (we) have applied for and hereby acknowledge receipt of TEN (10) shares of OPTIONAL INSTALLMENT stock, issued by The American Savings and Loan Association, of Anadarko, Oklahoma, and accepted subject to its by-laws, rules and regulations, to Stanley Hall and/or Rubey Hall, as joint tenants with the right of survivorship, not as tenants in common,

(If the shares herein described be issued to two or more persons "as joint tenants with the right of survivorship, not as tenants in common", the Association is hereby authorized to act without further inquiry in accordance with writings bearing either of the signatures appearing below; it being understood and agreed that either of the undersigned who shall first act shall have power to act in all matters related to the membership and any share account in said Association held by the undersigned, whether the other person(s) named in the certificate(s) be living or not. The repurchase or redemption value of any such share account(s) or other rights relating thereto may be paid or delivered in whole or in part to either of the undersigned, who shall first act, and such payment or delivery or receipt or acquittance signed by either of the undersigned shall be a valid and sufficient release and discharge of said Association.)

I (we) hereby make, constitute and appoint John D. Pugh President of THE AMERICAN SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, or his successor in office, my proxy, and authorize him, or his successor in office, to appear and vote for me, and in my name, during my absence, at any ANNUAL or SPECIAL meeting of the stockholders of said Association, on all matters submitted for consideration.

ADDRESS Anadarko, Oklahoma

Dated this 27th day of March, 19 42

WITNESSES: \_\_\_\_\_

Rubey Hall  
Stanley Hall  
Owner(s)

**Figure 142: Stanley and Rubey's Signature Card**

In April, Rubey had more concerns when Stanley had his tonsils removed.<sup>381</sup> He was released a day later on the 20th,<sup>382</sup> "...Incidentally: Stanley Hall is looking for the persons or person who sent him a bag of popcorn and a cactus plant..."<sup>383</sup> A few weeks later, the Incidentally column posted, "Stanley Hall has it on the person who sent him that cactus plant while he had his tonsils removed...the plant is in full bloom now..."<sup>384</sup>

On June 26, 1942, Congress revised the Selective Service Act to defer all married men from Class 1-A, military eligible. Single men were drafted first as a group before any married men were considered. If all of the single, eligible men were drafted, then married men with zero children became eligible as a group. Once all the married men with zero children were considered, then married men with one child became eligible. In 1942, Stanley and Rubey had one child, Stanley Lynn. So, both single men and married men with no children had to be drafted before Stanley was even considered. It was explained by Sen. Elbert D. Thomas of Utah, "...present pools of single men or men without dependents should meet all manpower demands of the fighting forces through this year and well into 1943." That is why Stanley was not in the army.

After an interview with Stanley, Polly Hall wrote, "All the men registered for the draft at the age of 18. They were given a number and the men were called according to the number as new draftees were needed. When Roger was just a baby, all Stanley's friends were called to duty right up to his number which would be the first one called the next month. His friends encouraged him to go ahead and enlist so they could all be together but he wanted to stay with his family as long as possible. When they left, the bus wouldn't hold them so several cars went along to drive the rest and the lady who ran the draft board appointed one person in the car as the sergeant to be responsible and Stanley was made temporary sergeant. The next month Stanley said he got his things ready to go to the army and the people at the bank gave him a going-away party. He and Rubey planned their own going-away picnic. But, right before the day arrived, the lady at the draft board called him on the side and confided that a new age law had been passed and he was now "too old to go into service." So, he didn't have to go to war

*after all. He didn't tell Rubey until they were out in the country having their going away picnic. He said he wasn't about to miss the chance of that picnic with her."*

In mid-July there was another death in the family. Rubey's mother, Mary Rosa Ann [Read, Suggs] Cook died at their home at 605 West Oklahoma after a short illness.<sup>385</sup> Ruth and Judy Dutcher arrived from California for Rosa's funeral on the 15th. They stayed for three weeks visiting Rubey and other relatives in the area.<sup>386</sup> The newspaper reports that Ruth and Judy were at a dinner party on August 4th which Rubey, Stanley and Lynn also attended. The party was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lawrence at 414 West Virginia. Others who attended include Mrs. Edward T. Jackson and her sons Larry & Billy and Roberta Lawrence.<sup>387</sup> Ruth and Judy left for San Francisco on August 5th.<sup>388</sup> In late July the Incidentally column reported that Stanley "*...took time out the other evening to cut tree limbs hanging across city school sidewalks. One had just walked up and smacked him in the head.*"<sup>389</sup>

In August Lewis and Bertha Hall came to visit. They left on August 23rd for their home in Kansas City, Missouri.<sup>390</sup>

In September, Rubey and Stanley went to Amber to visit Stanley's twin, Stella and her husband Paul Fisher. Paul was involved with the school in Amber.<sup>391</sup>

On October 1st Stanley and Rubey went to an event at the American Legion building honoring C. H. Boyles, a worker at the courthouse.<sup>392</sup>

Stanley and Rubey "*...were hosts Thursday evening when they entertained with a surprise party honoring B. W. Harris, who will leave soon to enter the services of the Navy.*" Six couples were there and they played pitch and shared Halloween refreshments.<sup>393</sup>

In October, Lynn and his cousin Harold had their tonsils removed and were released from the hospital on the same day.

**1943:** In early April, Rubey and Lynn left for Indio, California to visit Ruth, Bruce and Judy Dutcher. The purpose of the trip was to help Ruth with the birth of a new Dutcher baby. Michael Bruce was born at the Casita Hospital in Indio on the 17th, just after Rubey arrived.<sup>394</sup> Rubey didn't stay very long after the birth as she was back in Anadarko in time to host the Presbyterian Guild a month later.<sup>395</sup>

In June, Rubey and Stanley's son Roger was born in Anadarko and placed on the infant rolls of the Presbyterian church as was the custom. A notice in the paper, "*Congratulations: To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hall on the arrival of a son, Roger Ivan Hall, born Friday, June 25, at 8 a.m., at the Anadarko hospital.*"<sup>396</sup> Rubey and Roger were in the hospital for four days and were taken home in a Farmer Ambulance on the 30th.<sup>397</sup> Roger was baptized the next April.<sup>398</sup>





**Figure 143: Rubey & Stanley with Roger 1943**

During the summer, Stanley's sister, June, and her husband Charlie Lane, bought the house next door at 607 West Oklahoma from Ralph Freelin and moved in about August 8th. Ralph and Phoebe Freelin were friends and loyal members of the Presbyterian church.<sup>399</sup>

Stanley and Rubey introduced Roger at Charles Boyles' birthday party at 207 West Georgia. Thirty-five adults were there and only two children including Roger and Phillip Melton. The group played games and ate cold watermelon in the yard.<sup>400</sup>

In late November, Rubey and Mrs. Ed Vaughan helped their sons, Lynn and Billy respectively host the juvenile division of the Little Theatre Guild at the Vaughan home. Twenty-two members and three guests attended.<sup>401</sup>

**1944:** In February Rubey's nephew, George Roeber was awarded the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Clusters for his service as crew chief of the 'Sophisticated Lady,' a B-25 Mitchell bomber. The crew had flown ninety missions over Tunisia, Sicily, Italy and the Balkans in nine months. Roeber was the son of Rubey's sister, Iva Suggs and George Roeber, Sr.<sup>402</sup>

At the end of February 1944, Stanley's draft status changed from 3-A Deferred to 1-A Available for Service.<sup>403</sup> According to the article a wholesale change was made to the draft list, *"All but five of the 160 men in the group were fathers."* The announcement was on the front page where the Battle at Anzio headlined the news. The 45th division from Oklahoma was at Anzio including Raymond Brooks and others from Anadarko. The reclassification was due to increased quota for March. According to Sam Wilhite, chair of the selective service board, *"Faced with the unprecedented quota for March, it is imperative that the board tighten up on deferments."* He continued, *"Our biggest leak is in the farm deferment classification. Many registrants have suddenly become farmers..."*<sup>404</sup> Apparently Stanley's number was not called at this time either.

Uncle Charlie and Aunt June were only in the house at 607 West Oklahoma for six months before they traded with Stanley and Rubey for the house next door at 605. The paperwork was completed and the meters were transferred on Stanley's birthday, March 13th, and the two families swapped houses.<sup>405</sup> The house at 607 West Oklahoma is where we lived during my childhood up until 1962 when I was about 13 years old.<sup>406</sup>

In April, the whole family, Rubey, Stanley, Lynn and Roger spent the weekend with Stanley's sister, Ruth and her husband Carl Reiss in Ninnekah.<sup>407</sup> They lived on a dairy and it was a place we dearly loved as children. The creek on their property was only about two

inches deep and we didn't need any supervision. They probably enjoyed a break from us too. The family went back to the farm in early June and took along Stanley's mother Mary and sisters Hazel and Stella.<sup>408</sup>

Two weeks later, in mid-June, Rubey and Stanley entertained Bernice Helm and her children, Bobby, Bill and Judith Ann from Binger. Wanda's husband was in the military and they were close friends.<sup>409</sup> They must have all gone to Graham Landes' house for picnic on Saturday afternoon.<sup>410</sup>

On the first of August, Ruth Dutcher came for an 'indefinite visit' to Rubey and Stanley's house. They were living in Leesville, Louisiana at the time and Rubey's niece, Judy, and nephew, Mike, also came.<sup>411</sup> That must have been a full house. Both the move and the indefinite timing were probably prompted by concern about the possibility of hostile German soldiers at the POW camp at Camp Polk near Leesville.<sup>412</sup>

A German POW camp was established at Camp Polk, near Leesville in 1941. According to Rickey Robertson, *"...in 1943 German POWs began to arrive in Leesville, La. by rail. The POWs would embark at the rail depot and would march several miles to their new home at Camp Polk. These German POWs were veterans of the AFRIKA KORPS and had been captured in North Africa. After being processed in North Africa, they were placed on ships and were transported to ports in the United States. Many POWs were in tattered uniforms, many in blood-stained uniforms, and many were confused at their new surroundings, and many hard-core Nazi's were outright hostile. But upon their arrival one thing began to change their minds. What was it? Good high-quality food! Yes, under the Geneva Convention these POWs were provided good food and decent barracks."* Robertson continues, *"The German POWs proved to be very good workers in Louisiana. Many were from farms and were good farm hands who knew how to milk cows, plant crops, harvest crops, and do odd jobs. They were eager to get out from behind the barbed wire. In Leesville, POWs helped to paint many of the downtown buildings, with one German artist painting beautiful pictures of German topics. These still survive and are part of Leesville history."*<sup>413</sup>

Just a few days after a Crape Myrtle tea in August, Lynn was admitted to the hospital in Anadarko. I don't have any other information about his illness.<sup>414</sup>

In September, Rubey's niece, Donnah Joe [Sparks] Smith from Apache spent the day with Rubey and Stanley.<sup>415</sup>

After a successful masquerade party at the Crape Myrtle on the 26th, Rubey and Ruth held a family party on the 27th for the children at the Hall house. "Judy Dutcher received the prize for the girls' best costume and Billy Mason received the prize for the boys. Apples and doughnuts were served. Twenty-one kids came to the party including five relatives..."<sup>416</sup>

Norma Sue Lane	Billy Mason	Lynn Hall
Harold Lane	Judy Dutcher	

Just after Christmas, Rubey took Lynn to a birthday party for John Miles, "...son of Major and Mrs. J. B. Miles." According to the newspaper, *"Favors were blow-a-plane and the afternoon was spent in viewing comic movies in the home. The birthday cake was served at the close of the festivities."* Thirty children were at the party including Lynn.<sup>417</sup>

**1945:** Neither Stanley nor Rubey appeared in the Incidentally column during 1943 or 1944, but Stanley made an early showing in January, *"...Stanley Hall is flaunting a deputy sheriff's card..."*<sup>418</sup>

In the same January 29th column was this interesting bit about the Anadarko airport, *"...The first plane took off and landed on Anadarko's new airport yesterday. George Stephens took off in the cub plane and it was landed by C. G. Frye..."*

## Family & Friends

On January 3rd, Rubey, June and Mrs. Paul Davis helped Ruth with Judy's sixth birthday party. The party was at Ruth's home at 131 1/2 West Central. The group opened gifts, ate cake and "*Favors were miniature airplanes for boys and toy wrist watches for the girls.*" Fourteen children were at the party including Harold & Norma Sue Lane, Mike & Judy Dutcher, and Lynn and Roger Hall.<sup>419</sup>

A couple of weeks after Judy's birthday, Rubey took Lynn to a birthday party for Jerry Britton. The children played games and 'Uncle Wiggly' funny books were given as favors. Twelve other children were there.<sup>420</sup> On May 26th, Stanley's classification was changed to 2-A, 'Deferred in support of national health, safety, or interest.'<sup>421</sup>

Rubey and Stanley hosted Lt. John A. Oliver and his wife Hazel for dinner on August 4th.<sup>422</sup> I don't know how they knew the Oliver family or if their relationship was close, but John was in the National Guard at Anadarko for several years and knew Bruce and Ruth Dutcher through that organization. Also, Hazel's brother was Glen O'Neal who went to school with Stanley; Stanley must have known her. John's parents were Ray and Edna Oliver, long-time farmers in the Anadarko area.

In mid-November, Rubey and Lucille Hall went to a dinner honoring Jean Richey at the Rock Castle Cafe. Jean is Lucille's older sister, the daughter of Norris D. Richey and Cora L. Lynch; She was also Rubey's classmate at OCW in Chickasha.<sup>423</sup> Richey had just been discharged from the army nurse corps after three years of overseas duty.<sup>424</sup> Nine people shared dinner that night. Jean served in some of the most dangerous places in the world, "*...the 56th evacuation hospital, 5th army unit set up to treat the more seriously wounded men on the Italian front.*" The 56th supported the Italian campaign since September 1943.<sup>425</sup> Soldiers from Anadarko in the 45th division were at Anzio at the same time as Jean.

*"The 56th went ashore at Casablanca, French Morocco, April 16, 1943, and set up the following June 20 at Bizerte, Tunisia, where it received and treated wounded evacuated from the Sicilian campaign. The evacuation hospital was landed at Paestum, Italy, September 27, 1943, and set up October 6 at Avellino, where it was the foremost evacuation hospital to the 5th army front. It was moved along as the front advanced until late in the siege of Cassino, when the hospital unit prepared for its biggest assignment, service on the Anzio beachhead. The 56th went ashore at Anzio January 26, 1944, and received more than 1,000 patients in its first 36 hours of activity there. Evacuating seriously wounded patients to hospital ships and landing craft in the harbor is an average of from three to five days, hospital personnel worked feverishly under constant threat of German planes and guns."*<sup>426</sup>

On December 15th, Rubey and Ruth Dutcher helped with a Christmas party for the juvenile division of the Little Theatre Guild at Ruth's house. Also credited with helping host the party were Lynn Hall, John Miles and Mike Curry. Twenty-nine members were mentioned including Lynn and Judy Dutcher. Guests included Mike Dutcher, Pat Curry and Jim Miles.<sup>427</sup>

Apparently as a follow-up to the November dinner party, Jean Richey extended an invitation to her high school classmates to visit on Christmas Eve at her parents' home, 613 West Alabama. She listed thirty-one classmates specifically including Rubey, and made an open invitation to other classmates. The purpose was to catch up, "*...talk over things that have happened since the last time they got together.*"<sup>428</sup> A follow-up article after Christmas indicates that twelve people had a nice reunion that night. Jean showed pictures and souvenirs from her military service in Africa, Italy, Austria and Switzerland including "*...alabaster from Volterra, Italy, pottery from the catacombs in Rome, Moroccan leather bags and hassock from Casablanca, Africa, medals and a rosary from St. Peter's cathedral, blessed by Pope Pius XII.*"<sup>429</sup>

**1946:** Stanley was one of fifty people selected to serve the district court in the April jury pool. The term was to begin on April 22nd with nine civil cases and on April 29th with 12 criminal cases. It is not clear whether Stanley was chosen to be on the jury for any of the cases.<sup>430</sup>

In May, Rubey took Lynn to a birthday party for Douglas Armstrong who lived three doors west of us at 613 West Oklahoma. The group walked a half block to Randlett Park and played games. Twenty-one children attended including Lynn, Harold Lane. Judy Dutcher sent a gift but didn't attend the party.<sup>431</sup>

*"Incidentally: Stanley Hall believes in kindness to innocent children and dumb animals. He even voiced objections last night when he saw little Eddie Livermore vainly struggling to pull 165 pounds of daddy Ed Livermore in his toy wagon."*<sup>432</sup>

In September Stanley's military draft classification was changed to 4-A, 'Man deferred by reason of age, age 26 and over.'<sup>433</sup>

Rubey's sister, Myrtle, brought her daughter, Donnah Joe [Sparks] Smith, and infant grandson, John Steven Smith, to Anadarko to visit with Rubey and Ruth for the day,<sup>434</sup> This is one of those situations where the oldest child in a family, Myrtle, had a new grandchild and the youngest child, Rubey, still had young children; Rubey's grandchildren were fifteen years away.

Rubey's birthday was on Thanksgiving this year and the whole family went to Clarence and Isa's farm near Apache to celebrate. There was a lot of video from this event including some rare pictures of Marilyn Rose Miller who died young. Rubey was about seven months pregnant, two months before Kent was born. Stanley made a video of all the people who were there...<sup>435</sup>



**Figure 144: Rubey & Stanley at Mason Farm near Broxton, OK, November 28, 1946**

Ruth Dutcher  
Bruce Dutcher  
Judy Dutcher  
Mike Dutcher  
Rubey Hall

William Stanley Hall  
Roger Hall  
Lynn Hall  
Isa Mason  
Clarence 'Red' Mason

Billy Dean Mason  
Wanda Mason Miller  
Charles Lamont Miller  
Marilyn Rose Miller

The Cook family met later in the winter of 1946 and Stanley took a video of the group at Ruth Dutcher's house. Those who were there include...<sup>436</sup>

Frieda Kulak  
Mike Dutcher  
Judy Dutcher

Lynn Hall  
Donna Joe Smith  
Ruth Dutcher

Iva Roeber  
Myrtle Sparks  
Walter Sparks

John Steven Smith  
Bruce Dutcher

Stanley and Rubey are mentioned in the December 29th Anadarko newspaper without any context. It appears that they possibly got together with friends and Cook relatives over the Christmas holiday, *"Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and son, Steve, Apache, Mr. and Mrs. C. E.*



*Mason and son Bill, Apache, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Quirk, Oklahoma City and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hall and sons, Lynn and Roger.*"<sup>437</sup>

**1947:** In early January Rubey took Lynn to Judy Dutcher's birthday party. The party was held at Ruth and Bruce Dutcher's house at 810 West Central, "*The evening was spent in playing games and opening gifts after which refreshments were served and favors were given to the guests.*" Besides Lynn and Judy, twenty-nine other children were there including relatives Harold Lane, Roger Hall and Mike Dutcher.<sup>438</sup> "*The Hostess was assisted by Miss Norma Lane and Mrs. Stanley Hall.*" I am not sure how much Rubey could help with Judy's party because two days later she was admitted to the hospital for Kent's birth.

"*CONGRATULATIONS Births: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hall, Anadarko, on the birth of a son in the Anadarko hospital Sunday morning.*"<sup>439</sup>

Rubey and Kent came home a few days later and Stanley took video of the event. The video begins with June Lane handing Kent to Harold Lane on the front porch of our house. Harold shows off the new baby for a few minutes before handing him over to Rubey.<sup>440</sup>



**Figure 145: Stanley & Rubey's Family, L to R: Rubey, Roger, Stanley, Kent, Lynn, about 1947 or 1948**

While Stanley was busy with work and volunteer fund raising, he found time to help Rubey's sister Isa in June, "*Mrs. Clarence Mason, Route four, Apache, reports that after all these months, her husband and Stanley Hall finally finished her kitchen cabinet.*"<sup>441</sup> Later in June Stanley and Rubey went to a surprise birthday party for Woody Cyrus. Kate Cyrus, "*...served ice cream, cake and Cokes. High score in pitch was won by Mrs. Stanley Hall and Mrs. Glenn Hill won low.*" Guests included...<sup>442</sup>

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hines  
Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Smith  
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hill  
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hall  
Mr. and Mrs. Loren Helm  
Mr. and Mrs. Andy Allen  
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Temple  
Mr. and Mrs. Willis Rousey  
Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Armstrong  
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jarrell  
Mr. and Mrs. Garland Patton  
Woody and Kate Cyrus

In early August, Lynn and Judy had a wiener roast in Randlett Park as a farewell to their friends, Jane and Ann Shelby who, were moving to Oklahoma City with their parents. Rubey,





**Figure 146: Hazel Ann [Hall] Brooks, about 1945**

Ruth and Effie Walton assisted. Sixteen children were present including Norma Sue, Roger, Mike, Lynn and Judy.<sup>443</sup>

Stanley's sister, Hazel, died during childbirth on October 5th. Both of the twin boys also died during the birth. The family was shocked by the news. Cora and John Longenecker wrote to Stanley's mother from Eldorado, Kansas, *"We were so shocked and needless to say grief stricken by the suddenness of the news we got last night and are so concerned about your welfare on your trip home..."* Hazel's sister, Clara, told me, *"Hazel was the most intelligent of us kids. She was very likable. Everyone knew her and liked her. She was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club. She worked at Youngheim's [an early day department store in Anadarko] as a cashier and bookkeeper. She had a very outgoing personality. She was real good with handwork. I have a quilt she made and some luncheon sets. They are square material with lace or handwork around the edge. She did the two figures in frames by my door. She was a real good cook. I think she got this from Momma [Mary Mahala (Longenecker) Hall]. She loved antiques. Hazel liked to give the kids drums and the noisiest things she could find for gifts."* Funeral services for Hazel and the twins were held October 7th at the Presbyterian church where we attended until moving to California in 1989.<sup>444</sup>

Just a week after Hazel died, Lynn was admitted to the hospital in Anadarko. The notice doesn't give any further details about Lynn's hospitalization, but must have added to Stanley and Rubey's stress at that time.<sup>445</sup> Rubey was invited to a wedding shower for Waldine Carruth at the Baptist Church, but sent a gift rather than attending in person. Lynn was dismissed four days later on November 10th.<sup>446</sup>

**1948:** The family returned to the Mason farm for Easter. It was a mini reunion that included the families of Rubey & Stanley Hall, Isa & Clarence Mason, Ruth & Bruce Dutcher and Evert & Mellie Cook families.<sup>447</sup> According to a 1995 letter from Ruth Dutcher, *"We still remember the Easter and July 4th get-togethers. It all started with Rubey and I getting our grandkids together for Easter."*

Stanley's brother, Lewis, brought his family to Anadarko in June and stayed from Wednesday until Saturday. While they were in town, they visited with June and Charlie Lane next door. Lewis lived in Kansas City, Missouri and the entire family came, Lewis, Bertha [King], Ella Lucille, Rosemary, Alice Esther and Ruth Ann.<sup>448</sup>

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We got a dog in about July. Polly was a white small puppy. Stanley told me that Polly's mother was a performer in the circus or carnival that came through town. I suspect she was traveling with the Crescent Amusement company that held a show at the fairgrounds during the Anadarko rodeo July 8th through the 11th.<sup>449</sup> The video starts with Kent standing between a really nice car and our maple tree when it was only sixteen inches or so in diameter. I remember it being much bigger when we climbed it as children. That little maple tree is now a stump over four feet across. In the video Judy Dutcher walked up with the puppy and handed



**Figure 147: Judy hands Polly over to Kent**

it to Kent and he was really happy. The mood changed when big brother, Roger, walked up the sidewalk like the new sheriff. In just a few seconds Roger held the puppy and there was an argument with Rubey trying to negotiate a settlement. Finally, Judy got involved and separated Roger from the puppy. This little vignette seems all too familiar and typical to me as the youngest brother in the family. The scene ends with Rubey smiling and congratulating Judy while a little boy was digging up the flower bed in the background. Stanley drove up after all the excitement was over.<sup>450</sup>



**Figure 148: Happy, Happy, Happy**



**Figure 149: Big Brother Takes Over**

In August, the Cook family had a reunion at Springlake Park in Oklahoma City. The family went to the zoo next door before the other relatives arrived. There is a story that Roger jumped down into one of the bear enclosures and they had to get the zookeeper for help. I don't know if it was this trip or some other time. Stanley took video of mostly animals and some of the three kids. The best shot was one of Rubey holding Kent as they looked over the fence at the monkeys.



**Figure 150: Kent & Rubey at the Monkey Exhibit, 1948**

All the Cook relatives arrived at Springlake Park the next day. These were fairly big reunions and I remember lots of people there who we didn't see very often. Many of them were completely unfamiliar to me and I still struggle with the complicated relationships between them and with identifying photographs of them. Stanley, Rubey, Lynn, Roger and Kent were there. Others who attended and their relationship to Rubey...<sup>451</sup>

<u>Relative</u>	<u>Relationship to Rubey</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Children</u>
Ruth Dutcher.....	Sister .....	Bruce Dutcher .....	Judy, Mike
James Cook.....	Half-brother .....	Nannie Cook	
Elmer William Cook.....	Half-brother .....	Myrtle Cook.....	Carrol
Betty Jean Cook .....	Half niece.....	Leonard Gravel.....	Karen
Isa Mason .....	Sister .....		Billy Dean
Evert Cook .....	Brother.....	Mellie Cook .....	Linda, Keith
Doris [Mason] Quirk .....	Niece .....	Herbert Quirk	
Billy Ruth [Cook] .....	Niece .....	Kenneth Ashworth	
Edith [Cook] .....	Half-sister .....	Glen Morgan	
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Thomas [Unknown]			
Mrs. Mildred Kuta and daughter [Unknown]			
Guy Cook.....	Half first cousin 1 time removed		
Walter Cook.....	Half uncle		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Owen [Unknown]			
Ella [Cook] Roylance	Half sister		
Mrs. Jacobs [Unknown]			

It was hot that day; Uncle Elmer Cook is in the video drinking straight from the water bucket with the Ferris wheel in the background. Although Rubey never thought of 'half' siblings, the video from the day separately captures her four siblings from her father and his first wife; Ella, James, Edith and Elmer.<sup>452</sup>

Apparently, some of the family visited at the Mason farm for fishing and more fun. Stanley took video of Mike and Judy Dutcher fishing with their dad, Bruce. There is also a nice picture of Stanley with Roger and Kent sitting on the Mason's front porch.<sup>453</sup>



**Figure 151: L to R: Kent, Roger, Stanley at Mason Farm, 1948**

The group met at Randlett Park in Anadarko before returning to their homes. They found a good shade tree just west of the armory. The men played cards while the women talked nearby. The children were everywhere at one time. Near the end of the clip Lynn and Judy ate watermelon after slicing it into two giant halves.<sup>454</sup>

**Cash Registers Still Ringing**

**Late Christmas Buyers Shop In Misty Weather**

Christmas is tomorrow — and business in Anadarko is still good, right up to the 11th hour. Late Christmas shoppers were finishing up purchase today and tying final bows to packages.

Streets of Anadarko were nearly deserted in the early morning, but by mid-day the ring of cash registers in local business houses were sounding again.

But the general atmosphere is anything but Christmassy. In the words of Demetrice Coffey, Southwestern Bell Telephone company employee, "It seems like a dull day in January."

Cars prowled through the business section of town with windshield wipers doing double duty to assure best vision for the driver, making way through a heavy mist.

Ed Duvall and Adolph Youngheim stopped on the street to chat briefly as Truman Melton, Stanley Hall and Wilbur Gillett emerged from a coffee shop.

Mrs. Syble Lennan, Western Union operator, announced that she was nearly ready for Christmas—with two more presents to buy, relatives expected from Texas and prospects of working at the keys on Christmas Day—with time and a half over time.

Christmas lights strung overhead in the business district were turned off as daylight approached —al except a string stretched from the Daily News office across the street and another string of lights at the post office.

The Rainbow girls announced that their meeting, regularly held on Monday will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. (Probably because rainbows need sun to show up in overcast skies).

Mrs. Cora Ellison, holding an umbrella, ducked into a 10-cent store to purchase an eraser for her eversharp. (Clerks in a store have to erase sometimes, too.)

Victer Salamy was preparing for

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a big celebration, evidently. Early in the day he declared that he was going home to get some sleep.

Late Christmas Shopper Frankie Allen, looking for a gift for Mama, said his selection took much consideration: he figured his mother would turn the gift over to him if she didn't like it. So his problem was to pick something he wanted himself. (He was at the toy counter).

Ruth Cox was packaging gifts at the Nth hour. A new roll of Scotch tape in her hand confirmed this fact.

Window decorator at a local 10-cent store changed the window displays today instead of waiting after the holidays.

A local confectioner reported that in less than two hours during the morning he Christmas-wrapped 42 pounds of chocolates for late-buyers. Louise Ford, pinch-hitting at the chamber of commerce for Mrs. Ruby Trotter (whose lot is to spend Christmas Day in bed with a cold) won't believe it's Christmas until the rain turns to snow.

An article from the Anadarko Daily News describes the activity in Anadarko's downtown on Christmas Eve.<sup>455</sup> This is much more vibrant than the town I remember but parts of it seem familiar in the earlier part of my life there in the 1950s and 1960s. The town in the article matches the descriptions of Anadarko I heard from my parents and other relatives. The description of Stanley coming out of the coffee shop seems particularly true; the coffee shop was a morning ritual with Stanley. Stanley, Melton and Dikeman flipped lucky coins to see who would pay the bill almost every morning. It is no surprise that Truman Melton was there too. They seemed to be together from high school and throughout their working careers.

After the excitement of Christmas, the Hall family got together for dinner the day after at Carl and Lucille Hall's house across from Sunset School. Stanley's sisters and their families came for the event including...<sup>456</sup>

Figure 152: Christmas in Anadarko, 1948

Adults	Children
Rubey and Stanley Hall, Anadarko .....	Lynn, Roger, Kent
Carl and Lucille Hall, Anadarko.....	Edward, Mary Kay
Clara Hall, Oklahoma City	
Ruth [Hall] Reiss and Carl, Ninneka.....	Carl J or Bobby
Stella [Hall] Fisher and Paul, Chetopa, KS.....	Paula, Charles
June [Hall] Lane .....	Norma Sue, Harold
Mary Mahala [Longenecker] Hall	



**1949:** I was born in March 1949 at the Anadarko Hospital. Dr. J. B. Miles was the attending physician and Polly White was the nurse. For some reason, Dr. Miles kept us in the hospital for eleven days after my birth before releasing us on March 21st.<sup>457</sup> All the earlier births required only four days or so. Rubey must have felt rested afterward as she went to a Crape Myrtle meeting on the 24th.<sup>458</sup> Other men in town who wanted a son, asked Stanley for advice and he jokingly offered to let them carry his pocket knife in their pocket for a few weeks.

John B. Miles was born in Illinois about 1903. He was married to Vera Belle Watson. He came to Anadarko in 1932 where he practiced until 1977. Dr. Miles served in the army during World War II and retired from the National Guard as a colonel. He was active in Anadarko and both he and Vera were at the same social and civic events as Rubey and Stanley over the years. Dr. Miles was a 32nd degree Mason and would have attended lodge with Stanley. He was also a member of the Fort Cobb Master Conservancy District where Stanley held a keen interest. Dr. Miles also served on the board of the First State Bank after Stanley moved from there. He was my doctor from birth. Rubey would have seen Vera at baby and wedding showers, bridge games and other social events in Anadarko.<sup>459</sup>

Polly White was a native Oklahoman. She lived with her parents in Mississippi for a time during the 1920s and returned to Anadarko by 1930. She was a nurse until her death in 1967. Polly was not married.<sup>460</sup>



**Figure 153: Incidentally, March 10, 1949**

There is video taken in front of our house at about the time I came home. My grandmother got top billing in this video, holding me during the first part. Then she helps Kent hold me but never fully handing me over; I looked almost as big as Kent. There is a good picture of Polly, still a pup but much bigger than her last video. Then I was passed to Rubey to hold while I cried and then to Ruth Dutcher as she gave the camera a good look from the front porch.<sup>461</sup>

On Easter Sunday, Stanley took video of Lynn, Roger and Kent in their Sunday best. Rubey and Ruth stood on the porch in regular dresses; they were probably not going to Sunday school but would join the others at church.<sup>462</sup>

On the fourth of July the family got together at Red and Isa Mason's house near Apache. Those who traveled from Anadarko...<sup>463</sup>

Stanley and Rubey	Lynn, Roger, Kent, Gene
Bruce & Ruth Dutcher	Judy, Mike
Harold Lane also went.	

Rubey took Kent to a birthday party for Sally Landes at the Landes home. There were twenty children there including Mary Kay Hall and Cathy Green.

In early October, the family returned to Isa's farm near Broxton to visit Rubey's niece, Wanda [Mason] Miller, her husband Lamont and their son Larry. The Millers lived in Lawton. Red's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Mason of Apache were also there.<sup>464</sup>

**1950:** The Little Theater Group held an Easter egg hunt on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Rubey took Roger who was a member of the group and Kent who was a visitor. It was held at Mike Dutcher's house and Roger assisted. The daily news reported that Rubey and Lynn assisted with the hunt and refreshments. Roger found the most eggs.<sup>465</sup>

Elsie McVey came by the house at 607 West Oklahoma in mid-April to enter the family into the census. Stanley is listed as a cashier at the bank. Rubey is listed 'at home.' Rubey got the random additional questions which showed that she didn't earn any money outside the home and that they lived in the same house a year earlier. Lynn, Roger, Kent and Gene are listed as you would expect. The Lane family was next door at 605 and Raymond Brooks lived on the other side with his new wife, another Hazel.<sup>466</sup>

In July Stanley's mother, Mary, visited Lewis Hall and family for a week in Kansas City. When she returned, Stanley's niece, Ruth Ann, came to Anadarko. She stayed with Stanley and Rubey and with June and Charlie Lane for a few days.<sup>467</sup>

Rubey took Kent and me to a birthday party at the Ralph Freelin house at the end of July. We sang to Karl Natanson of Lawrence, Kansas, the Freelin's grandson. *"Ice cream, cake and soda pop were served."*<sup>468</sup> It was a busy month for birthdays; Rubey took Kent and me to a party for Steven Hutchins Wood in Randlett Park near the end of August.

In September Rubey helped Mrs. G. R. Landes at Graham Landes' fourth birthday party, *"The afternoon was spent playing games and the guests were served individual birthday cakes. They were given favors of toy monkeys on sticks."* 24 children went to the party including Kent, Mary Kay, and probably Gene. Our friends Rex and Ted Donley were there as well.<sup>469</sup>

Later in September, the Kiwanis club sponsored a day for kids at the courthouse. Over a thousand children, *"...carrying or tugging at a bewildering assortment of pets overran the Caddo county court house Saturday afternoon."* The children brought a total of four hundred fifty dogs, cats, dolls, pigs, fish, roosters, horses and others. Winners were picked in twenty-five different categories. *"Kent Hall, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hall, won the grand prize of the 'show' with his pet fish. The fish first had won the first prize in the 'most expressive eyes' division. The fish, a carp, was caught by Kent's uncle. The young exhibitor poured water on his pet to keep him fresh during the show."*<sup>470</sup>

### Children Jam City's Square For Kids Day

A throng of 1,100 children—carrying or tugging at a bewildering assortment of pets—overran the Caddo county court house Saturday afternoon.

"The occasion was 'Kids' Day,' sponsored by the Anadarko Kiwanis club. The event was sponsored Saturday on a national scale by other clubs in Kiwanis International.

A total of 453 pets—dogs, cats, dolls, pigs, fish, roosters, horses and many others—were registered in the contest to pick winners in about 25 different divisions.

There were 960 free theater tickets given away and goodness knows how many free ice cream bars. "We figure there must have been at least 1,100 kids," club president Arch Lear said. Some of the younger children, who would not have to pay anyway to get in to the theaters, were not given tickets.

"It was even more successful than we had figured," Lear said. Kent Hall, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hall, won the grand prize of the "show" with his pet fish. The fish first had won the first prize in the "most expressive eyes" division. The fish, a carp, was caught by Kent's uncle. The young exhibitor poured

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water on his pet to keep him fresh during the show.

Following the judging, children and their pets and dolls marched around the block, led by the high school band.

Walter Morris was in charge of the judges and V. O. Johnson was announcer. A host of Kiwanians were on hand for the judging and dispensing of the ice cream and show tickets.

**Pet with longest ears:** Lenita Howell and Lou Allison Metzger, winner; 'Jonne' Barney, second; Marilyn ElKouri, third.

**Pet with shortest ears:** Glen Schilberg, Carl Cabbines, Eddie Elms.

**Best performing pet:** Tommy Thomasson, Vivian Baker, Shirley Post.

**Pet looking most like master or mistress:** Carol Hart, Dana Rogers, Leroy King.

**Best trained pet:** Buddy Kidd, Van Norwood, Phillip Hendricks.

**Pet with longest legs:** Jan Barney, Charlie Pendley, Jerry Lee Thurman. **Pet with shortest legs:** Donna Schilberg, Carl Hensley, Waunetta Keeler.

**Pet with most spots:** Ruby Melencamp, Bea Williams, Norman Cox. **Pet with the most white:** Tonia Diane Cook, Skip Butler, James Wilson. **Pet with the most black:** Ann Dillingham, Francis Schaub, Susie Surrent.

**Friskiest pet:** Donna Faler, Charlie Bialock, Ruby Barns. **Slowest pet:** Buddy Glidwell, John Stewart, Dollie Delores Burnely. **Saddest pet:** Gloria Don Taylor, Philip Edgmon, Marie Cumminigan.

**Pet with the most expressive eyes:** Kent Hall, Keith Turner, Earnest Paddlety, jr., Pet with longest tail: John Walter Dugger, Clara Jo Humphreys and Hermalee Knuckles tied for second, Cecil Earl Montgomery.

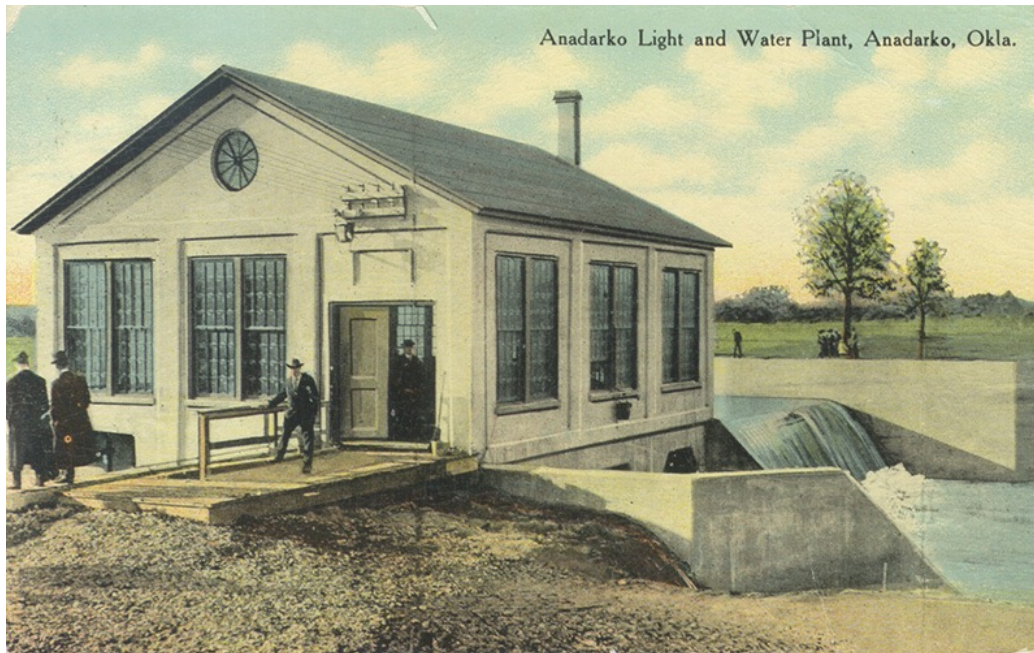
**Pet with the shortest tail:** Nellie Newell, Patricia Teague, Keitha Lynn Morris. **Pet with the crookedest tail:** Vivian Jones, Linda Sue Poolaw, Alice Rife. **Loudest pet:** Gloria Stearns, Peter Hassrick, Bobby Stewart.

**Largest doll:** Mary Jane White, Betty DeFord, Edith Nell Norwood. **Smallest doll:** Sandy Yount, Ronnie Butler and Donnie Butler tied for second, Ada Pearl Bialock.

**Prettiest doll:** Linda Nichols, Charlotte Kay Schneider, Nancy Cummins. **Best dressed doll:** Susan Moran, Janet Duffey, Judy Dutcher. **Raggeedest doll:** Sharon Longhorn, Thresa Jo Anderson, Kay Lyon.

**Ugliest doll:** Judy Stearns, Kay Landes, Kathy Green. **Quietest pet:** Della Ann Glidwell, Coral Jean McNutt, Janet Temple.

Figure 154: Kids Day  
1950



**Figure 155: Power Plant Where Uncle Charlie Worked**

The uncle mentioned in the article was probably Uncle Charlie Lane. He worked at the power plant on the Washita River and kept a line out while he worked. When I was little Uncle Charlie's pole was almost always hanging out of the middle window on the right of the picture. Kent says, *"I remember that...Pulled it in a wagon."* At three years old, that must be one of his earliest memories.

Roger Hall posted on Facebook, *"Habits -- I went to the kitchen to get a glass of water this morning but first I rinsed out the clean glass. Whenever I start to do this, I usually stop myself. This triggered a childhood memory of the early 1950s drought which the newspapers called the little dust bowl. I remember a dust storm that we had where it got into the cabinets. When I got a drink, there was dirt in the glass. For a long time after, I used to blow in a water glass to see if it was clean."*<sup>471</sup>

In early December, Stanley's 1939 Chevrolet was listed for sale by Caddo Motor Company at 102 West Central, Phone 1005, *"Two-door formerly owned by Stanley Hall. Not so good on the inside but mechanically -- none better. A Good Cheap Car."*<sup>472</sup>

Rubey held a special wedding dinner for Norma Sue Lane at our house on West Oklahoma, *"The tables were decorated with a miniature bride and groom and Christmas greenery and white candles."* Norma and Jimmy Thompson were to be married the next weekend. Guests included...<sup>473</sup>

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Thompson, Chickasha  
Vicki Thompson  
Charlie B. and June Lane  
Harold Lane  
Betty Thompson  
Juanita Thompson  
Mrs. I. H. Thompson

Judy Dutcher  
Becky Thompson  
Lynn Hall  
Norma Sue Lane  
Jimmy L. Thompson  
Stanley and Rubey Hall

A full wedding shower was held later in the month at the Methodist church.<sup>474</sup>

**1951:** There was a contest published in the paper that was designed to get people to go into businesses to identify workers there and create more business activity. It was apparently sponsored by the businesses. Prizes totaling \$25 were offered to anyone who could correctly identify 126 business men and women who were published in a full page advertisement in the April 4th paper.<sup>475</sup> *"Incidentally: Mrs. Jess Trogdon was the first one Saturday to bring in an entry in the 'Eyes to The Future' contest. Speaking of the contest, one of the people pictured has Stanley Hall stumped. He's been to every store in town and still can't get one of them identified."* On May 1st, Kenneth Wilkerson was announced as the \$15 first prize winner. Stanley won \$7.50 for second place and Lenora Ash won \$2.50 for third.<sup>476</sup>

In August Rubey was mentioned in Evert Cook's story about their mother, Rosa Cook. He wrote the article for the 50th anniversary of the opening of Caddo County.<sup>477</sup>

In August Jim Thorpe was in Anadarko as a guest of the American Indian Exposition, *"Thorpe was born near Shawnee and is a Sac and Fox Indian. He is about 60 years of age now. In his final year at Carlisle Indian school, Pa., the school led the nation in scoring in football with 505 points. Of these, Thorpe made 198, including 25 touchdowns."* It is interesting that Rubey's grandparents, Isaac Washington Read and Mary Magdaline Messer, settled on Sac and Fox land when they first came to Oklahoma in 1892, about the time Thorpe was born there.<sup>478</sup> Thorpe was the first native American to win gold at the Olympics, one for the pentathlon and one for decathlon. The medals were taken away after the committee found he had played professional baseball for two seasons and restored in 1983, 30 years after he died.<sup>479</sup>

In late September, Rubey took Kent and me to Anita Fly's fourth birthday party at Randlett park. We had birthday cake, ice cream and punch. There were thirteen other kids there.

Rubey and some other mothers helped Mrs. Fly with the party.<sup>480</sup>

In November, Stanley's aunt Anna Elizabeth [Longenecker] Lee died. Stanley drove his mother, Mary, and his sister, June, to the services in Severy, Kansas. They stayed with Mary's youngest sister, Lydia, and her husband, Arthur Chambers in Fall River on Friday night.<sup>481</sup> They returned to Anadarko a few days later.<sup>482</sup>

Stanley and Truman Melton got a picture mailed to them about their politics.<sup>483</sup>

**1952:** Rubey and Stanley went to Ruth Dutcher's house for Kent's birthday in early January and Stanley took video of Kent with the cake.<sup>484</sup>

Rubey's niece, Judy Dutcher, was initiated into the Order of Rainbow in early March. Rubey, Ruth and Dolly Massingale were visitors at the initiation.<sup>485</sup> Dolly is Judy's aunt, Bruce Dutcher's sister.

In the middle of June, the whole Hall family traveled to Kansas City to visit Stanley's brother, Lewis and his family. On the 17th, the family stopped in Fall River, Kansas and spent the night with Stanley's aunt Lydia [Longenecker] and her husband Arthur Chambers again before driving to Lewis and Bertha's house.<sup>486</sup> They spent about a week in Kansas City.<sup>487</sup>

The Cook family reunion was in August. The group met at Ruth Dutcher's house and moved across the street to Randlett Park later in the day. Stanley's video shows some relatives who we didn't see very often. The opening shot at Ruth's house shows Rubey's sister Myrtle



**Figure 156: Incidentally, December 1951**

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holding her second grandson, Thomas Paul Smith. Marvin Cook follows; he was Rubey's half first cousin, a son of Rubey's grandmother Nancy Higginbotham and her second husband, "...another man named Cook, but not related to us." Lela Connel is shown making sure that Marvin and George Walter Cook's hair is good for the video. The video in the park only includes a single scene showing all the relatives lined up across the street from the National Guard armory.<sup>488</sup>

In October, the family went to Isa and Clarence Mason's house near Broxton to visit Rubey's family. Those who were there...<sup>489</sup>

### Couple

Isa and Clarence Mason

Iva and George Roever

Bill and Donna Jean Mason

Rubey and Stanley Hall ..... Lynn, Roger, Kent, Gene

Ruth and Bruce Dutcher ..... Judy, Mike

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Stanley gave blood to the Red Cross in September and was issued a donor card. He may have continued but I found no further record.<sup>490</sup>

Stanley and Rubey went to Arlie Smith's house at 122 East Oklahoma for a canasta party in mid-November. They claimed high score for the evening.



**Figure 157: Stanley & Rubey in Front of 607 W Oklahoma, about 1952**

The couples who were there...<sup>491</sup>

Rubey and Stanley Hall

Lonnie and Lee Virda Armstrong

Ruth and Bruce Dutcher

Woody and Kate Cyrus

Loren 'Doad' and Bernice Helm

This looks like the group who played at our house frequently when I was little. One of my earliest memories was about this time, standing on my tip toes and pulling up on the card table to see them playing pitch.

The day after the canasta party at the Smith's house, Lynn and five other students won a movie pass, "...for observing safety rules during the past week." Lynn's future wife, Polly Knapp was also one of the winners.<sup>492</sup> The tickets were provided by Paul Stonum, manager of the Redskin, Miller and Columbia theaters.<sup>493</sup>

**1953:** Stanley was mentioned in the paper in early February, "*Incidentally: Cab operator Wayne Lee and banker Stanley Hall were discussing the location of the new district camp for the Nazarene church west of Anadarko and Hall was not certain whether it was to be on the*



south or north side of the road. Lee's only offer of help was 'call a cab and see which side of the road the driver stops.'<sup>494</sup>

In April, Stanley and Rubey's son, Lynn, was named salutatorian of the 9th grade with a grade point average of 3.68, "He is the fourth preceptor in the DeMolay organization and senior patrol leader in the Boy Scouts. Lynn is in charge of the cafeteria ticket sales. In the sixth grade Lynn was awarded the American Legion award."<sup>495</sup>

At about this time, Stanley and Rubey got tired of having a baby sleep with them and there was no other room in the house. Stanley took on the project of building a large bedroom onto the northwest corner of our house. The project included a three-quarter bath. Lynn was sleeping in a closed-in porch on the east side of the house; Roger and Kent were in army surplus bunk beds in a small bedroom in the northwest corner of the existing house. I was apparently staying in Stanley and Rubey's bedroom. After the new bedroom was finished, the three youngest sons moved in and the old bedroom was incorporated into a larger kitchen. Stanley built beds with drawers underneath and a very narrow closet where a roll-away bed was stored. I have a vague memory of watching Stanley nail asbestos shingles to the west side of this new room. Based on satellite images, the original house was about 1,200 square feet; the new addition was about a 20-foot square for a total of about 1,600 square feet after the addition.

In August Stanley won two free tickets to see 'White Witch Doctor' starring Robert Mitchum and Susan Hayward at the Redskin theater. They also could have seen 'Thunder Bay' starring James Stewart, Joanne Dru, Dan Duryea and Gilbert Roland.<sup>496</sup>

On Halloween, Stanley and Rubey had a shock. Lynn was in the cemetery with a group of boys and his future brother-in-law, Paul Knapp, was shot. The newspaper says that Knapp accidentally shot himself in the right side. Others who were there: Jimmy Broyles and Bill Beardsley.<sup>497</sup> Paul was treated and released from the Anadarko Hospital.

Just before Christmas, Rubey's sister Eva and her husband John Hiner came from Alberta, Canada for a visit. The newspaper noted a small dinner at the Mason farm near Alfalfa including...<sup>498</sup>

Sisters & spouses

Children

Eva and John Hiner

Rubey and Stanley Hall..... Lynn, Roger, Kent, Gene

Ruth and Bruce Dutcher ..... Judy, Mike

Isa and Clarence 'Red' Mason

Kent wrote a letter to Santa that was published in the paper...

"Dear Santa,

We will leave you a lunch under the tree because we know you will be hungry after your long trip. Thank you for the gifts last year. I want cowboy guns, a Dr. set, some cowboy boots. That is all.

Kent Hall, age 6, Anadarko"<sup>499</sup>

**1954:** Stanley and Rubey got a call on a Friday night in January that Lynn was in a wreck near Minco, Oklahoma. Lynn was driving Stanley's car too fast and missed a curve; the car rolled over. Five other boys were in the car. The car was heavily damaged but, "None were injured."<sup>500</sup> This 'no injury' wreck was before seat belts were standard in every car. Lynn appeared in court the next day, "Stanley Lynn Hall, 16, Anadarko, pleaded guilty Saturday before Judge Cabeen to a charge of nighttime speeding and paid a fine and costs of \$19. He was issued a summons by Trooper Cates as a result of an accident at 8 p.m. Friday north of Minco at the junction of S. H. 37 and S. H 41." I'm quite sure that Stanley was also in the courtroom.<sup>501</sup>

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On the 29th of March, Stanley and Rubey registered as Democrats. Rubey's vital statistics were included....<sup>502</sup>

- Age: 41
- Race: Caucasian
- Color: White
- Hair color: Brown
- Height: 5' 4"
- Weight: 112
- Eye color: Brown

On the same day, one registration certificate later than Rubey's, Stanley registered with these statistics....<sup>503</sup>

- Age: 42
- Race: Caucasian
- Color: White
- Hair color: Brown
- Height: 5' 8 1/2"
- Weight: 150
- Eye color: Blue

In April, Stanley was the assistant DeMolay chapter advisor when Lynn was installed as Junior Deacon.<sup>504</sup>

In April, Stanley got two free tickets to either the Redskin or Miller theater. He could have gone to 'Quo Vadis' starring Robert Taylor and Deborah Kerr at the Redskin, '*The Greatest Motion Picture of All Time!*' or 'It Should Happen to You!' starring Peter Lawford and Jack Lemmon at the Miller, "*With That Zany 'Born Yesterday' Cutie, Judy Garland.*"

In June, Stanley's twin sister Stella came to visit their mother, Mary. Stella, her husband, Paul, and their children Paula and Charles returned home on July 7th after two weeks.<sup>505</sup>

Before Stella's visit, we all got haircuts. My dad always cut our hair. In the video, it looks like I was first and Kent was last. The two of us were sitting at a table playing cards with Aunt Clara Hall. Rubey had her hair in curlers; I think Stanley dyed and curled her hair at times too. Walter Harrington was in the bathroom getting his cut and when he came out there is a really good shot of my grandmother Mary having a good laugh about it.<sup>506</sup>

Rubey and Stanley went to the Cook family reunion at Springlake Park in August. Not much detail was given in the news except that Ruth and Bruce also went.<sup>507</sup>

**1955:** On Valentines Day, Rubey went to a party for my kindergarten at the Presbyterian church. Movies of the Christmas program were shown and the children "...sang two songs, 'Valentine' and 'My Valentine.'" My best friend, Gary Christian, was unable to attend but included in the list of classmates. All of the children in the class are familiar to me and many of them would graduate from high school with me 12 years later..<sup>508</sup>

Rubey and Francie Schaub were friends and attended church together; events such as this one may have led to Rubey's job at the kindergarten.

In mid-April, there was an Easter party at Randlett park, "*The children played games and participated in an Easter egg hunt.*" This time Rubey increased her participation from 'guest' to 'assistant;' Mrs. Schaub asked some of the parents to help with the event..<sup>509</sup>

Mrs. A. V. Beverage	Mrs. Vernie Bailess	Mrs. Harry Cook	Mrs. Stanley Hall
Mrs. A. D. Tallent	Mrs. C. L. Carlton	Mrs. Don Campbell	Mrs. L. T. Taylor

Kent's Cub Scout Den Four toured the telephone company on April 25<sup>th</sup>. After the tour, they planted a mimosa tree in the median on West Central, "*Raymond George, another member of the pack, was unable to be present. He had the measles.*" Rubey and Stanley were apparently not involved in this group other than as parents.<sup>510</sup>

On the first of May, Rubey was one of the hostesses for a musical recital at the First Methodist church. Roger participated in the program.<sup>511</sup> I asked Roger to tell me about his memory of the program, "*Did you sing or play the piano?*" His detailed reply was, "*Sing.*"

At the end of May Rubey helped Mrs. Schaub again with an indoor picnic at the Presbyterian church. It was the last event of the school year.<sup>512</sup> After proving herself through volunteer activities, Rubey became a substitute teacher at the kindergarten at the beginning of the next school year.<sup>513</sup>

After wrecking the family car seven months earlier, Lynn won a driving contest, "*Stanley Lynn Hall, Anadarko High School, was awarded top honors with accompanying certificate, for being the high point student with 248 points out of a possible 259, in the Invitational Driver Training contest held at the Anadarko High School Wednesday by 13 schools.*" Stanley and Rubey were probably reassured since the award was for both knowledge and actual driving skills.<sup>514</sup>

Rubey, Lucille, June, Ruth and Judy went to a wedding shower at the Methodist church for Harold Lane who was going to marry Marlene Lucas.<sup>515</sup> I didn't know Harold was married before he married Freida Harrington in 1961.

Luitt Miller, principal of the high school named four juniors to attend a civic club for six weeks starting in October. Lynn was chosen to attend Kiwanis where Stanley was a member. Polly Knapp was chosen to attend Lions.<sup>516</sup>

Sometime during the winter of 1955, the Cook/Suggs family met at Ruth's house again. The occasion was apparently Eva's visit from Canada. Those who came were...<sup>517</sup>

Iva Suggs & George Roever	Myrtle Suggs Curtis	Ruth Cook & Bruce Dutcher
Eva Suggs & John Hiner	Rubey Cook & Stanley Hall	Judy Dutcher

"*Incidentally: At a meeting Thursday someone asked for the time. Six people told him the time and all were different. Stanley Hall said I know my watch is fast because it tries to keep up with me...*"<sup>518</sup>

"*Incidentally: Stanley Hall said he wasn't so sure Dail Pugh was right when he said Fratis Rogers was too young to join the Rotary club*"<sup>519</sup>

**1956:** In late February Rubey took Kent and me to a birthday party at Kate Cyrus' house at 610 West Central. I was familiar with the house because their back yard was my shortcut to grade school. Ruth, Judy and Mike Dutcher were also there. The party was for Kate and Woody's grandson.<sup>520</sup>

Rubey and Stanley had a proud moment when it was announced in May that Lynn and Marilyn Elkouri tied for high school valedictorian, the highest-grade-point average among graduates. The second highest scorer and the salutatorian was Polly Knapp.<sup>521</sup> At an assembly the same week Lynn received the Balfour plaque and key award, "*...for his scholarship, loyalty and achievements in high school.*" He also received a scholarship from the Lions club.<sup>522</sup> On graduation day Stanley made a video of Lynn in his cap & gown and of the rest of us dressed up to go to the ceremony. Kent and I had red flowers pinned to our shirts. Near the end of the video, someone else took the camera and Stanley and Rubey join us for a family shot.<sup>523</sup>

A September article in the newspaper indicated that twenty-five of sixty-four Anadarko graduates were going to college, including Lynn. College was an important goal in our house, particularly for Stanley. I think he may have been a little insecure or embarrassed that Rubey had a degree and he didn't. All of us were expected to go to college and there was never any question that we would. I clearly remember a trip to Fort Ord about 1961 or so when Stanley

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took Lynn aside, *"If something happens to me, I want you to be sure all three of your brothers graduate from college."* That seems like a pretty heavy responsibility to put on a son, but Lynn certainly was the most responsible among the four of us. I also think that the unexpected death of Stanley's predecessor, Oliver English, at the savings and loan stayed with him because his if-something-happens-to-me language came up pretty frequently.

Kent had another letter to Santa published in the paper...

*"Dear Santa Claus,  
I have tried to be good this year. I hope you will come to our house  
this year. Will you please bring me a pup tent and a chemistry set?  
I hope you have a nice trip.  
Love,  
Kent Hall"*<sup>524</sup>

Lynn came from O.U. in Norman to visit Stanley and Rubey over the Christmas holiday.<sup>525</sup>

**1957:** Stanley and Rubey were busy with church and work this year.

At the end of September, DeMolay held the first annual family picnic at Randlett park. Mrs. Cecil Easton helped the group organize a Mother's Circle and choose officers...<sup>526</sup>

Lucille Hall, president

Mrs. Harry Dugger, treasurer

Mrs. Ed Kidd, vice president

Ruth Dutcher, secretary

*"Kenneth Easton gave the Flower Talk and installed the DeMolay Order of the Flower on Roger Hall and Bert Temple Jr."* Relatives who were there included...<sup>527</sup>

### Couple

### Children

Stanley and Rubey..... Roger

Ruth and Bruce Dutcher ..... Mike

Carl and Lucille Hall ..... Edward, Mary Kay

**1958:** In January, Lynn and Polly announced their engagement.<sup>528</sup>

Stanley and Rubey helped me celebrate my tenth birthday in March; on the same day, it was announced that Lynn was on the honor roll at the OU college of business administration.<sup>529</sup>

Lynn came home for the Easter holiday in early April and Polly Knapp also stayed at the Hall house.<sup>530</sup> Later in the month, it was reported that Lynn was pledged by Delta Sigma Pi, a national business fraternity at OU.<sup>531</sup> He also became a new Cadet Sergeant in OU's ROTC.<sup>532</sup>

In early June, the entire family went to a wedding shower for Lynn and Polly at the First Baptist church. It was a large event with fourteen hostesses; one hundred seventy-four people attended or sent gifts including relatives...<sup>533</sup>

Clara Hall

June & Charlie Lane

Rubey & Stanley, Roger, Kent, Gene

Lucille & Carl Hall, Mary Kay

Mary Mahala Hall

Ruth and Carl Reiss

Amanda Hall

Lynn and Polly were married a week after the shower at the Baptist church by Glenwood Buzbee. Glenwood was a Baptist minister in Lindsey at the time. After moving back to Anadarko in the early 1980s he served the Presbyterian church and joked, *"I finally saw the light and became a Presbyterian."* Judy Dutcher was one of four bridesmaids. Roger Hall and Mike Dutcher lit the candles.<sup>534</sup> I remember people congratulating Stanley and Rubey, *"You finally got a daughter!"*

In September it was reported that Lynn and Polly returned to school at OU probably after a visit at our house.<sup>535</sup> Kent demonstrated leadership skills at an early age when he was named president of Sunset School's sixth grade; Edith Hamilton was the teacher.<sup>536</sup>

Rubey and Stanley were happy to have Lynn and Polly for the Christmas holiday, *"Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hall will spend Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hall and family."* Judy Dutcher was also visiting Ruth and Bruce in Anadarko.<sup>537</sup>

**1959:** I never thought we were wealthy but as early as 1959, we were a two-car family, *"Incidentally: A confused look still hangs on the face of Stanley Hall, who borrowed his wife's car for a business trip to Chickasha and left his own car at home. After completing his transaction, he went out to get into his automobile and couldn't find the familiar one. A search up and down the parking area didn't relieve his anxiety and in desperation he walked into a store to call police and report a car theft. Then it hit him. Hall had been looking for the wrong car. He sneaked out of the store, got into his wife's automobile and drove home."*<sup>538</sup>

When Roger was about 16, Stanley decided to build a small trailer to haul things. He got an old car chassis and had Oscar Humphreys weld a hitch on it. The trailer was to be light and strong; so, he bought some sheets of quarter-inch aluminum. The aluminum had to be cut to size and Roger got the job of sawing it with a hand saw. The bottom of the trailer was a single sheet of aluminum about four by six feet. For the sides, Roger had to rip a sheet long-ways about sixteen inches high by six feet long. The left-over pieces from were used for the front and back sides. It took hours of sawing in the hot Oklahoma summer. I don't know why Roger got this task other than he was the right age and there was probably some sort of life lesson involved.

I had a chance to ride in the Indian Exposition parade with Ted Donley. He had a small buggy pulled by a Shetland pony. The buggy was on bicycle tires and I was expecting old fashioned wheels. Stanley came to the parade and took video of us. His pictures of the mud men came out better than our pictures.<sup>539</sup>

Lynn and Polly came to Anadarko for Christmas at our house.<sup>540</sup> On Christmas Eve, Rubey rocked a doll, probably meant for Marc Thompson. The video shows a lineup of five nut-filled stockings and five shiny red apples. It looks like a small gift is also above each stocking. Apparently, Stanley got lights for his video camera for Christmas as all of the past videos were taken outside. We all came out one at a time just as we were told. For me, this was the year of the bicycle. It was a really great Schwinn with hand brakes instead of the one that had been handed down through my three older brothers. For Kent, it was the year of the pellet gun. I'm not sure why he was not old enough for a 22; Stanley got a 22 when he was the same age. It looks like Roger got more practical things at age 16. Grandma Hall was there, sadly her last Christmas with us. Lynn took over videographer duties long enough for Stanley to try on a brightly-colored silk smoker's jacket. Aunt June and Uncle Charlie Lane came over after the excitement and brought Marc. Aunt Ruth and Uncle Bruce Dutcher also came later along with Mike.<sup>541</sup>

Just after Christmas, our cousin Judy Dutcher married Ronnie Orr at the Presbyterian church. Kent and I lit the candles and Mike Dutcher was one of the ushers. Rubey and Francie Schaub held a breakfast for Judy the day after Christmas. Lynn and Polly were there, probably at both events.<sup>542</sup>

Sometime between Christmas and New Years Stanley took Kent and me to the farm south of town to feed the horses. They were happy to see us and Stanley's video shows them swimming across the flooded low part of the property...<sup>543</sup>

Lady and her colt

Domino and her colt

Alvin

**1960:** Stanley and Rubey's oldest son, Lynn, made the news again in January, *"...has been prominent in recent campus activities at the University of Oklahoma. Hall was recently elected president of Delta Sigma Pi, men's professional business fraternity."*<sup>544</sup>

In March, Rubey and Stanley's first grandchild was born, *"Incidentally: Dail Pugh says Stanley Hall aged considerably this morning after hearing he had become a grandfather and by noon really looked the part."* The entire family got together to meet Holly in Anadarko the first time Lynn and Polly came home. The video starts with Kent holding her and me standing beside them smiling and chewing gum. Rubey and Stanley eventually got to hold the baby



while Roger snuck up and tickled Holly's head; then made a show of reading the newspaper while walking backward. It was so exciting that the video ends with me turning cartwheels in the background. At about the same time, Lynn was promoted to first lieutenant at the ROTC unit at OU<sup>545</sup> and was listed on the honor roll again. Judy Dutcher also made the honor roll.<sup>546</sup>

Stanley and Rubey were chaperones for the Junior high and grade school bands when they participated in a band festival at Craterville Park in early April. The article says that the chaperones were 'band parents.' I remember playing the flutophone in grade school but don't remember a grade school band. Kent played the cornet for a short time and was probably the reason Rubey and Stanley were called on to chaperone, but possibly for both of us. According to Kent, "...sometime during the year Gerard got mad at someone, broke his baton, and threw it at them. I was tired of being yelled at and quit soon after that."<sup>547</sup>

Craterville Park was originally the site of an Indian fair held near Cache, Oklahoma between 1924 and 1933. It was started by Frank Rush, a "former manager of the Wichita National Forest and Game Preserve." The fair sounds a lot like the American Indian Exposition that was held in Anadarko when I was young; they did a lot of the same things such as dancing, horse races, and crafts.<sup>548</sup> After the park closed it lived on as a location for events such as the band festival, boy scout camps, and school road trips.<sup>549</sup>

Lynn continued to excel in school as he was initiated into Beta Gamma Sigma, "*The society limits its membership to those who rank in the upper tenth of their graduating class and are of good moral character... Election to membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest scholarship honor that a business administration can obtain.*"<sup>550</sup> Stanley and Rubey were invited to a banquet honoring new members by the president of the university, George Noah.<sup>551</sup>

On April 19th, Stanley's mother and my grandmother, Mary Mahala Longenecker Hall, died in the Anadarko hospital.<sup>552</sup> She had lived with us after she was unable to live alone. Rubey and Stanley always seemed a little weird about death and dying to me or perhaps they thought I was too sensitive for such news. Mr. Bailey, the principal of Sunset grade school, came by Mrs. O'Rear's room and asked for me to come with him to the office. Being called out of the class is about the worst thing that can happen to a fourth grader. One of my parents came to get me and I don't think they told me about my grandma until after the long three-block drive home. At the funeral Reverend Wilbur Clark said to me, "*She's only sleeping*" and that was a little confusing too.

In the middle of May Rubey was admitted to the hospital<sup>553</sup> and released two days later.<sup>554</sup> Nothing more is known about this hospitalization.

In early June, Stanley and Rubey's second son, Roger, went to Boy's State. Lynn went to the same event five years earlier.<sup>555</sup> Roger was elected 'judge' of Boy's State.<sup>556</sup> While Roger was there, Rubey and Stanley went to Norman to see Lynn graduate from the business school at OU.<sup>557</sup> Lynn received perfect straight-A scores for the spring semester.<sup>558</sup> He was also commissioned into the army as a second lieutenant.<sup>559</sup> We traveled to Norman as a family to celebrate. I don't remember going to the ceremony but we went to Lynn and Polly's apartment at 203 South University in Norman. It was a big house and they rented a small part of it on the second floor. Stanley made a video of Lynn in his ROTC uniform in front of the house and a scene of the three of us brothers walking down the front steps of the house; Roger was not there. There are also short clips of Lynn and Polly with Lynn in his cap and gown.<sup>560</sup>

In December, Stanley placed an ad to sell my pony, Alvin, "*Small male Shetland pony, extra gentle, broke by children. Doesn't kick or bite. Call Stanley Hall CH7-3493 after 5 pm.*"<sup>561</sup> Alvin was almost a constant companion from Christmas day 1956 until my legs got too long to ride him. I think my attention was on a new full-sized horse named Lady that stayed at Stanley's acreage a mile south of Anadarko. Kent also got a horse at the same time named Domino.

Rubey and Stanley hosted Christmas at our house with the whole family; Lynn, Polly and Holly were there and some of the video clips show that Aunt Clara Hall and Aunt June Lane were there too. This was the Christmas that Kent and I got a fiberglass row boat for navigating the pond at Stanley's farm which we called a 'lake.' Later on Christmas day, Stanley took us out to launch it and we spent most of our time trying to paddle back to shore against the wind with one paddle and a short board.<sup>562</sup>

**1961:** Sometime in January my mother took me to visit her sister, Isa, in the hospital. Isa and Rubey had memories that went all the way back to the old rock house on Cook Creek near Boone -- picnics on the creek, riding horses, sleeping in the crowded upstairs room with Ruth. Isa was sick for about a year and died in early February in the Anadarko hospital.<sup>563</sup>

Kent and I were listed among a group of twenty-three Boy Scouts in troop 332 sponsored by the First Christian Church.<sup>564</sup> Neither Stanley nor Rubey were listed as participants in this troop. Kent was on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade honor roll.<sup>565</sup> Stanley bought \$10,000 life insurance policies for the four boys from Home State Insurance. I continued to pay mine until cashing it in after Ann Lyn and Jason were grown and had homes of their own.

Lynn & Polly were home for Easter Sunday. Kent and I helped Holly find eggs on the front porch for her basket before church. There were two yellow ducks too.<sup>566</sup>

Roger graduated high school in May; Stanley and the rest of the school board were platform guests at the ceremony. It was about this time that Roger came home after drinking. I only remember Roger and Stanley standing in the kitchen face-to-face, three inches apart and Stanley lecturing Roger. After the lecture, Roger just said, "*Cool it Dad.*" And Stanley started clenching his jaw.

Rubey and Stanley went to Ruth and Bruce Dutcher's house for an anniversary party on June 7th. Ruth had a fancy cake for them.



**Figure 158: Stanley & Rubey's 35th Anniversary**

In July, Rubey took Kent and me to a birthday party for Paula Martin, an out-of-town niece of Arlie and Wanda Smith. The Smiths lived on the end of West Broadway next to the park. The article said that Rubey and Ruth helped with refreshments followed by dancing. I think there weren't very many good dancers there...<sup>567</sup>

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Westminster College announced that Roger would attend there starting in the fall, "New students will arrive on Westminster's campus Saturday, Sept. 9. They will be housed in the men's residence halls of Winston Churchill Quadrangle and attend a reception that evening for new students, parents, faculty and administrative staff. The following week will include college orientation, testing, fraternity rushing, and registration."<sup>568</sup> I don't remember Roger leaving for Missouri, but I remember a question Rubey asked him at Christmas break, "Roger, does the school have any regular schedule of things like beans on Friday?" Roger said, "Are you kidding! if they had beans every Friday, there'd be a riot!" It was a pretty big Christmas with lots of people there...<sup>569</sup>

### Couple

### Children

Lynn & Polly Hall ..... Holly

Stanley & Rubey Hall ..... Roger, Kent, Gene

June Hall Lane

Harold & Frieda Lane

Ruth & Bruce Dutcher ..... Mike

Judy Dutcher Orr ..... Laurie

Our old red stockings were hung on a curtain behind the couch; I still have mine.

This was to be our last Christmas on Oklahoma Street.

**1962:** We moved from 607 West Oklahoma to 302 West Central in March.<sup>570</sup> I went to the 7th grade about a block east of our house on Oklahoma. Even though I knew that we had moved and in fact, spent the night at the new house, I walked right down Oklahoma Street to the old house after school for a day or two out of habit.

Right after the move we bought a new dining room set and gave our old one to the church. They served homemade pies and other desserts from that table for many years. There was one corner of the table where I sat as a baby with a lot of dings and scratches. Stanley said I made the dings banging it with my spoon. I know now that dings and scratches just became part of that table's story, nothing to fret about.

One of the first events at the new house was a birthday party for Stanley and Rubey's granddaughter, Holly. Several of Polly's relatives were there including her sister, Betty, and niece, Kathy. Laurie Orr was also there with her dad, Ron. These birthday parties became a tradition at Rubey and Stanley's house on Central.<sup>571</sup> Rubey and Stanley went to the Junior High play at the high school auditorium on March 16<sup>th</sup>; Kent had a part in the play.<sup>572</sup>

Rubey and Stanley visited in Evert Cook's home at Camp George Thomas in April.<sup>573</sup> On the 8<sup>th</sup>, Kent and twenty others traveled to Weatherford for an inter-scholastic contest. At the end of April, their second grandchild, Greg, was born.

The garage at the new house was built for cars of the 1930s, considerably narrower than Stanley's car. For a while, he wanted to park the car in the garage. The approach of the driveway was not quite wide enough to line up with the garage door. So, on June 26, 1962, Kent and I helped him build forms and pour a small strip of concrete to widen the driveway. I think Kent and I were in charge of digging out the dirt and scattering it over the lawn. There was a little too much concrete and Stanley quickly built two square forms out of left-over two by fours for the extra. Kent and I scratched our name and the date into the top of the wet cement. I hauled that heavy chunk of concrete every time we moved. I was surprised the first time I noticed the date, ten years to the day before Margaret and I were married and eleven years to the day before our daughter Ann Lyn was born.

Rubey and Stanley returned to Camp George Thomas in July for the Cook family reunion, "*The days were spent visiting and swimming.*" These reunions were pretty busy times where Stanley and Rubey caught up with relatives and events; this one must have offered them a chance to get to know Greg for a few days. The article lists the relatives who were there...<sup>574 575</sup>

<u>Parents</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Children</u>
Arthur & Lorraine Cook .....	Garber	
S-Sgt. & Mrs. Arthur Cook Jr. ....	Salina, KS.....	Kimberly, Sondra, Tamera
Donna Jo Sparks Smith .....	Tucson, AZ.....	Steve, Tom
Freida Mae Roever Kulak.....	Kilgore, TX	
Carl & Lolita Fay Roever Aldridge .....	Taft, TX.....	Kathy, Carla
Iva Suggs & George Roever .....	Longview, TX	
L. L. & Betty Lea Roever Phillips.....	San Francisco, CA ....	Steve, Mike
Ella Cook Roylance.....	Tonkawa	
James Moses & Nannie Corder Cook ....	Edmond	
2nd Lt. Lynn & Polly Knapp Hall .....	Norman .....	Holly, Greg
Keith & Viola McLane Cook .....	Oklahoma City .....	Tony
Linda Cook Roller .....	Oklahoma City	
Edith Cook Morgan.....	Oklahoma City	
Charles & Wanda Mason Miller.....	Oklahoma City .....	Larry, Gene, Karen
Ron & Judy Dutcher Orr.....	Oklahoma City .....	Laurie
Betty Cook Monus.....	Oklahoma City .....	Jean, Marilyn
Billie Cook Ashworth.....	Oklahoma City	
Myrtle Suggs Dudley.....	Apache	
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Miller .....	Apache .....	Wayne, Marty
Mr. and Mrs. Vernice Miller.....	Apache	
Evert Cook .....	Apache	
Stanley and Rubey Cook Hall .....	Anadarko.....	Roger
Bruce and Ruth Cook Dutcher .....	Anadarko.....	Mike

I am not sure why Kent and I are not mentioned in this group and I don't know the Bobby and Vernice Miller families from Apache.

Lynn and Polly came for a visit in August which gave everyone a chance to play with Holly and Greg. The video of that weekend shows Holly stacking paper cups; she liked to organize things. Greg seemed to enjoy the extra attention he got from Rubey and Stanley. The fan in the living room indicates that we had not installed air conditioning yet. It looks like either Stanley or Lynn got a better video camera as the quality went up this year.

We saw Laurie Orr again in December when Rubey took me to her birthday party at Ruth and Bruce Dutcher's house just across the park at 810 West Central. It was a small party with mostly Laurie's parents, grandparents and a few close friends.<sup>576</sup>



**Figure 159: Rubey, Greg and Stanley, August 1962**



**Figure 160: Stanley, Christmas 1963**

Our first Christmas in the house on Central was much bigger as we had more room and our tree was much taller because of the higher ceilings. The early morning video shows the neatly arranged tree before the chaos began. Besides our immediate family, Stanley's sisters Clara and June came after presents were open. Our cousins Mary Kay and Edward Hall also came later. Bruce and Ruth Dutcher arrived for an afternoon game of Clue between Roger, Kent, Gene and Clara. There were so many people for lunch that Kent and I had to sit at a card table. It looks like we had hot rolls and ham.<sup>577</sup>



**1963:** Stanley and Rubey had a proud moment when Kent was initiated into the National Honor Society in March along with fourteen of his classmates.<sup>578</sup> In May he went into the



**Figure 161: Stanley & Rubey at Home, 1963**

hospital for blood poisoning after a fence-building injury, *"We had replaced wire across the pond. Mom and Dad were on a trip to California and I had to walk from my summer job at the bank to the hospital and check myself in."*<sup>579</sup>

Marc Thompson came to visit his grandparents Charlie and June Lane in the summer. He spent Sunday with Rubey and Stanley at church. Stanley's video from that day shows Rubey arriving in a 1958 Pontiac. If they knew how fast that car would go, they never would have let Kent and me drive it.

We went to the scout camp at the end of July for the Cook reunion. There is not much information about this reunion except the names of people who were there...

<u>Parents</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Children</u>
Albert & Lela Connel .....	Anadarko	
Rubey & Stanley Hall .....	Anadarko.....	Kent, Gene
Ruth & Bruce Dutcher .....	Anadarko	
Mike Dutcher & Cathy Green .....	Anadarko	
Edith Cook Morgan .....	Oklahoma City	
Ron & Judy Dutcher Orr.....	Oklahoma City .....	Laurie, Merry
Billy Ruth Cook Ashworth.....	Oklahoma City	
Doris Mason McCabe .....	Oklahoma City .....	Toya, Karen
Wanda Mason & Lamont Miller.....	Oklahoma City .....	Larry, Gene, Karen
Tommy & Linda Cook Roller .....	Oklahoma City	
Ella Cook Roylance.....	Tonkawa	
Leon & Betty Cook Gravel .....	Tonkawa.....	Marc
Arthur & Lorraine Cook .....	Covington	
Betty Cook Monus .....	Covington.....	Jean, Marilyn
James & Nannie Cook .....	Edmond	

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S-Sgt. Arthur & Myrna Cook..... Salina, KS..... Kim, Sondra, Tammy  
Donna Jo Sparks Smith..... Tucson, AZ..... Steve, Tom  
Keith & Viola Cook..... Apache..... Tony  
Mr. & Mrs. Vernice Miller..... Apache  
Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Miller..... Apache..... Wayne, Marty, Robbie  
Mr. & Mrs. Billy Miller..... Apache..... Carletta, Greg, Susan  
Evert and Mellie Cook..... Apache

Rubey was admitted to the Anadarko Hospital in early December and dismissed two days later.<sup>580</sup> She was at a teachers' reception a week earlier and helped Stanley chaperone the DeMolay sweetheart dance two weeks later.<sup>581</sup> Stanley served on a federal grand jury in December that was postponed from mid-month to the end of the month because some of the US attorneys were not properly notified of the timing.<sup>582</sup>

Late in December, the newspaper reported that Roger was home for the holidays from Southwestern State College in Weatherford. He must have transferred there after starting at Westminster College in Missouri. Mike and Cathy Dutcher were at Southwestern and perhaps that was reason enough for Roger to move.<sup>583</sup> A lot of people came for Christmas again this year. Stanley's twin sister, Stella, and Paul Fisher from California brought their granddaughter Janie Foot and about seventeen people came for dinner. Jayne played with our new puppy, Prince. There was a five-person Monopoly game in the afternoon with Cathy and Mike Dutcher, Edward Hall, Kent and me; from the video, it looked like Edward was in trouble.<sup>584</sup>

We took road trips when I was little, most often to California and Washington to visit Stanley's sisters, Barbara Oelke, Stella Fisher and Ruth Reiss. Kent and I sat in the back seat seeing who could be more annoying. There was a game where we tried to spot three-holed Buicks. Whoever spotted it first got to punch the other on the arm. I usually had the most bruises. I learned the hard way that you also had to wipe off the punched spot and call 'no punch backs' or the other one got to punch you back. When we tired of playing that game or when I cried, we changed games; same game but spotting VW Bugs. I recently worked a funny cryptogram quote from Dave Barry that describes our situation, "*And that's the wonderful thing about family travel: It provides you with experiences that will remain locked forever in the scar tissue of your mind.*" Stanley remembered one of those trips at the end of the year but he must have forgotten about the whining in the back seat "*Incidentally: Stanley Hall was recalling today, in a warmly heated coffee shop, how pleasant it was to watch dolphins perform at the sunny Marineland of the Pacific near Long Beach, Calif. a few years back.*"<sup>585</sup> Stanley's sister Barbara lived in Long Beach.

Road trips usually took us along Route 66 all the way to California. It was a two-lane road and there were low water crossings out in New Mexico and Arizona that provided some relief from the boredom. We loved the thrill of going over a hill and suddenly up the next hill at high speed. We had a cylinder-shaped swamp cooler rolled up in the front passenger window that provided some relief from the heat. There were hours of seemingly nothing and suddenly Tijeras Canyon, Albuquerque or Flagstaff would occupy our time for a short period. There were no bypasses and we had to drive right through the middle of towns along the way. The road signs led us on a circuitous route apparently so we would pass every business in town. When we stopped for the night at a motel, Stanley talked to the owner about the price while Rubey checked the cleanliness of the room. When Rubey found out the price she invariably asked, "*Ten dollars! Did you tell them we only want to stay for the night?*" There was a stop that advertised 'last chance for gas' and we stopped there. We also filled a burlap water bag with water and hung it on the front of the car. The water was an emergency supply but primarily kept the car from overheating along the way.

Kent took another leadership role as senior councilor of DeMolay.

**1964:** Stanley and Rubey's third grandchild, Heidi, was born in California March. We traveled to Fort Ord near Monterey to visit them shortly after that. They lived on base in a little house that we squeezed into. I was impressed that all the soldiers had to salute Lynn because he outranked them. Stanley and Lynn took me to the PX to buy something to keep me busy and I bought a model car to glue together. The cashier gave me a 1909 penny in my change. Stanley got excited until he found it didn't have the VDB mark that would have made it more valuable. It was still a memorable moment.

Kent was elected treasurer of the high school student council in April.<sup>586</sup>

Rubey and Stanley traveled to El Reno for Roger and Marsha Windler's wedding in May. It was a small wedding with only immediate family present, "*Mrs. Hall, attired in a navy-blue silk sheath and red accessories, also was given a pink carnation corsage.*" Roger was a senior at OSU majoring in mathematics.<sup>587</sup>

After Lynn and Polly moved back to Oklahoma, they brought all three grandchildren to visit Rubey and Stanley in the summer. The video of this time shows Holly and Greg playing with Prince and a large cardboard box in the back yard. Heidi was still too little to play with them and Kent kept her entertained.<sup>588</sup>

Rubey's sister, Iva, and her husband, George Roever, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October. Rubey and Stanley took a road trip with Ruth & Bruce Dutcher and Myrtle Dudley to attend the reception in Longview, Texas. Rubey, Ruth and Myrtle must have used this occasion to reminisce not only with their sister, but also with their cousins who hosted the event: Freida Kulak, Lolita Aldridge, George Roever, Jr., and Betty Phillips.<sup>589</sup>

There is a video of Holly and Greg in Halloween costumes in the back yard on Central. The video is indexed as October but I think it might have been taken during their visit in the summer and the costumes are just early Halloween gifts; the grass is still green and it looks like Greg is the same age with the same haircut as the summer video. Heidi is dressed like Red Riding Hood and Greg like a bear.<sup>590</sup>

Stanley and Rubey's fourth grandchild, Roger William, was born in Stillwater in December. He was named after Stanley and after Marsha's father, William.

Our Lane relatives came to Stanley and Rubey's house on Christmas Eve. Those who were in the video...

#### Couple

#### Children

June & Charlie Lane

Harold & Frieda Lane ..... Charles, Keven

Lynn & Polly Hall ..... Holly, Greg, Heidi

Stanley & Rubey Hall ..... Kent, Gene

It looks like there was a lot of family chatter and little kids playing on the floor. The Christmas tree didn't reach the ceiling this year, a little shorter than 1963. There were sixteen people there on Christmas morning including Halls, Dutchers and Orrs. I think Lynn took all or most of the video. Many of the same people stayed for breakfast at our house; Carl and Lucille Hall and Mary Kay joined us as well as Carl and Ruth Reiss.<sup>591</sup> Mary Kay's husband, Leonard Garrison, and Evert Cook joined us for an unusual Christmas lunch...<sup>592</sup>

Fried steak & gravy

Broccoli

Iced tea

Mashed potatoes

Hot rolls



**Figure 162: Four Missing Hot Rolls**

The fried steak was unusual for us; we almost always had turkey. Everything else seems normal and the rolls were a requirement. Stanley always opened his roll with a fork because sometimes it is hard to manage with a knife. It's the technique I still use; just stick the fork in all around the edge and it comes right open -- ready for more butter. It could be that the video is at dinner, but I doubt Ruth Reiss would come to dinner in curlers. Some of the rolls appear to be missing and the video shows

Leonard Garrison, Lynn Hall and Lucille Hall lurking in that area.

**1965:** Stanley and Rubey proudly went to two graduations in May; Kent from Anadarko High School and Roger from OSU. Kent was one of twenty who graduated with the white pendant of the National Honor Society over his gown.<sup>593</sup> Kent also won the American Legion Citizenship award which is, "*based on scholarship, character, service morals and leadership.*"<sup>594</sup> Stanley and Rubey were happy to travel to Stillwater to see Roger graduate and to see their grandson Rogee. It looks like a neighbor came out and did the video work as Stanley is in the clip. As usual Roger acted silly in this video sucking his thumb like his young son.<sup>595</sup>

Sometime during the summer Rubey and Ruth took Holly & Greg and Laurie & Merry Orr to church. The four posed for pictures on the south steps.<sup>596</sup>

The Cook family reunion was held at Camp George Thomas in August. Many of the usual people were there including Stanley, Rubey and Kent. Some of the more distant Cooks who attended were...<sup>597</sup>

<u>Parents</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Roy & Mattie Cook	Oklahoma City		1/2 1st Cousin
Jack & Ruby Rutledge Cook	Oklahoma City	Vickie, Rickie	1/2 1C 1R
Carol Cook & George Love	Wichita, KS	Lesli, Lockie, Laura	1/2 niece

Stanley and Rubey traveled to Stillwater in early December to celebrate their grandson Roger William's birthday. The apartment was decorated for Christmas and Roger was crawling already.<sup>598</sup> Stella and Paul Fisher were in town for Christmas again.

**1966:** Rubey calmly looked on as Kent celebrated his birthday in early January. It was a small party with me and my best friend Gary Christian, Aunt June, Kent and Rubey.<sup>599</sup>



**Figure 163: Rubey & Stanley Host Greg's Birthday 1966**

Rubey and Stanley celebrated Greg's birthday at their home. Lynn took the video and Greg got a cake shaped like a train, 'Greg's Happy Birthday Express.' Greg's cousins, Merry Orr and Shelly Dutcher came to the party too.<sup>600</sup>

In May, Rubey and Stanley went to Marsha's graduation ceremony at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City. Stanley made a video of Roger, Marsha, Bill & Pearl Windler, Roger William and Rubey.<sup>601</sup> Bill and Pearl are Marsha's parents.





The 1966 Cook family reunion was an exciting one. An orphaned fawn was in camp and Evert showed the children how to bottle feed it without getting hurt. Everyone cooled off in the mostly empty pool as soon as they got there. Rubey danced for the camera before getting in the pool.

**Figure 165: In the Pool, Back L to R: Betty Conover, Polly Hall holding Heidi, Rubey, Ruth; Front: Holly Hall, Judy Orr, Laurie Orr**



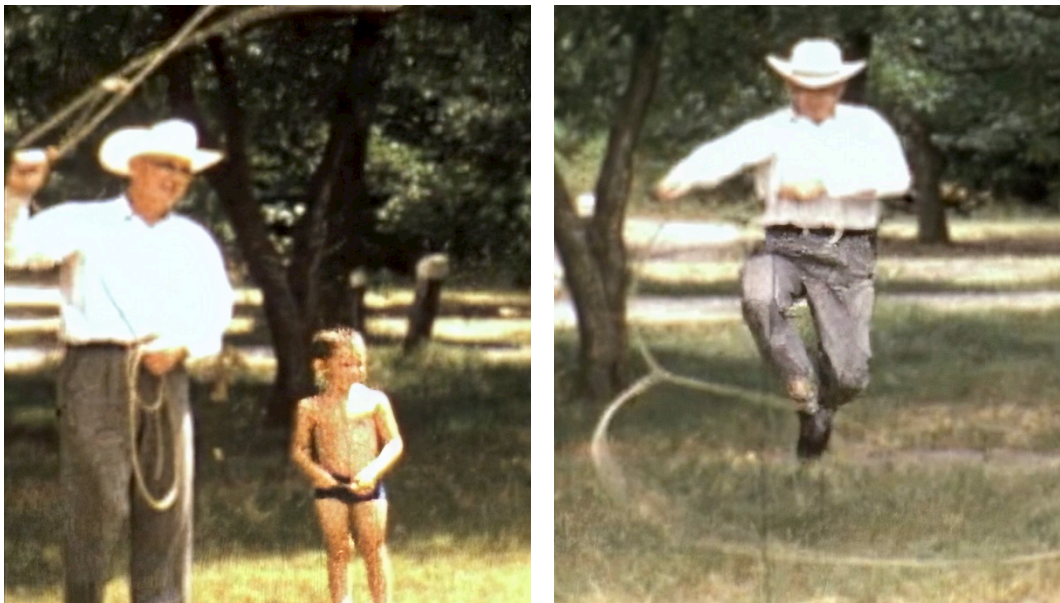
**Figure 164: Stanley & Rubey Unload the Car**

After swimming, Evert brought out a donkey for everyone to ride, sometimes six little kids at a time. Rubey and Ruth helped hold everyone on.



**Figure 166: L to R: Rubey, Tony Cook, Heidi Hall, Greg Hall, Merry Orr, Holly Hall**

On Saturday Evert demonstrated his trick roping skills for the family. His grandson, Calvin, was there and, in later years, he performed rope tricks all over the world as Kowboy Kal. On Sunday morning everyone gathered under the flagpole for church services before going home.



**Figure 167: Evert Cook & His Grandson, Calvin**



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In October, Stanley wrote a letter to Washington National about their life insurance policies. In the latter, Stanley says that they are "...*thinking about making some other investments and we were wondering about the cash value on these policies (how much) if we should wish to cash them out.*" The company replied in early November that they had two policies with cash values of \$563.30 and 539.59 respectively. Based on a follow-up letter in 1983, he didn't take any action on these policies in 1966.

Rubey and Stanley went to the Orr's house in Chickasha for a joint birthday party for Laurie & Merry Orr and Roger Hall. All of their grandchildren were there. There were three cakes in the video. Shelly Dutcher was at the party as well. The house was already decorated for Christmas.<sup>602</sup>

The grandchildren came to Anadarko for Christmas. Stanley and Lynn made videos of all the preparations before bed time. All of the children had matching red and white pajamas. The presents spread five feet out from the tree. There were thirteen stockings that took the entire sofa in the morning including three of the plain red ones for me and my brothers; I think Lynn had a new one that Polly made.



**Figure 168: Rubey & Stanley, Christmas Morning 1966**

We got some snow the day after Christmas. Stanley took Greg and Roger William to check on the horses and ride a little. We rode in my 1949 Plymouth that Uncle Jim gave me after he wore it out driving back and forth to California. Lynn took some video and it looks like Roger was a little too young to enjoy it. Greg had a good time and I got to ride Dick, cousin George Hall's horse.



**Figure 169: Stanley Helps Greg Ride**

**1967:** I graduated from high school in May and Stanley took the obligatory video of me in cap and gown. The commencement was held outside in Warrior stadium where I burned a lot of calories running with the track team.<sup>603</sup> Stanley and Rubey had one or more sons in the Anadarko school system from 1943 until 1967; I was the last.



**Figure 171: Easter 1967**

At Christmas time, Rubey and Stanley invited six couples over for a formal affair of some sort; even Bruce Dutcher wore a jacket. Rubey was usually quiet but she could be really funny. The video is almost giddy with Rubey opening the front door as people arrived and kissing every single person on the lips. You can tell that everyone was surprised.<sup>604</sup> Someone at the party took over videographer duties long enough for Rubey to kiss Stanley too.



**Figure 170: Rubey Surprises Woody Cyrus**





**Figure 172: Stanley & Rubey Ride Dick, About 1967**

While Kent and I were in Washington with Carl Reiss, Rubey and Stanley visited Rubey's sister, Eva in Canada.

**Stanley and Rubey at Eva's House About 1967**



**Figure 173: Rubey & Stanley at Eva's House, about 1967**

**1968:** Stanley and Rubey went to an Easter egg hunt at Lynn and Polly's house in Norman on April 14th. Ruth brought her granddaughters from Chickasha as well. Stanley took the video and Rubey showed the kids where all the eggs were hidden.<sup>605</sup>



Rubey was hostess at a reception for Kent and Mary in May at our house on Central probably in mid-May.<sup>606</sup> Mary's parents were there from Tulsa. Stanley and Rubey went to Tulsa for the wedding at the end of May.

They traveled to Norman in August to celebrate Polly's birthday and visit their grandchildren. Lynn took the video.<sup>607</sup>

Stanley and Rubey returned to Norman to celebrate Lynn's birthday in November.

Several members of the family came to our house for Rubey's birthday later in November...



**Figure 174: Rubey & Stanley, 1968**

- Anna Mae Brown, our long-time housekeeper
- Lamont & Wanda Miller and Karen
- Edward Hall
- Lynn & Polly Hall and Holly, Greg, Heidi
- Kent & Mary Hall
- Betty Conover
- Bruce & Ruth Dutcher and Laurie, Merry Orr

1968 was one of the years when Thanksgiving fell on Rubey's birthday but there is little video of the Thanksgiving activities that day. At about this same time, Stanley had quite a few cattle that he kept at J. M. Jackson's farm two miles south of Anadarko just at the base of Tonkawa Hill where Indian City was at the time. There is a video of these cattle without much more information.<sup>608</sup>

After Roger and Marsha moved to Florida, Stanley and Rubey drove there at least a couple of times to visit. Before Missy was born, they took Roger, Marsha, and Roger William to a petting zoo called Silver Springs. I believe it is the summer of 1968 but it is hard to tell from watching the video.<sup>609</sup>



**Figure 176: A Cherished Birthday Gift**



**Figure 175: Stanley & Rubey Celebrate with Polly, August 1968**





**Figure 177: Rubey & Three Grandchildren: Holly, Heidi & Greg, 1968**

It was a fairly normal Christmas in 1968 but I'm not sure where everyone slept; Kent & Mary, Lynn & Polly & three children, me and Lewis and Bertha Hall were there in the early morning. I think Lewis and Bertha probably slept somewhere else, but that still leaves eight people to share two guest bedrooms.<sup>610</sup>

**1969:** It was a busy year in terms of videos. Rubey and Stanley traveled to Florida at least one time and probably two times.

Rubey baked a cake for my Uncle Jim's birthday in February. It was a little bit unusual for Stanley and all three of his brothers to be together at the same time. Lucille and Bertha were there and Stanley took the video. It looks like they had a fun time with Jim providing the laughs.<sup>611</sup>



**Figure 178: Rubey Brings out Jim's Birthday Cake, January 25, 1969**

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There were a lot of March birthdays in our family: Stanley, Gene, Holly and Heidi. The birthdays were so close that many times Rubey would have one big party in March. Greg's birthday was in late April, but sometimes his party got folded into the March party like this



**Figure 179: Rubey & Stanley, March Birthdays 1969**

particular year. In 1969 Rubey and Stanley held the combined party at their house. Lynn took the videos and it looks like I got a book of puzzles, a life-long hobby of mine.

All of Stanley's surviving brothers and sisters came to Anadarko for a Hall family reunion in early April. Four of the original twelve children had died. Margaret & Marjory died at birth, Hazel died giving birth, and June died just three years earlier during an operation.

The siblings posed for pictures as many of my visiting cousins looked on.<sup>612</sup> This was probably the first time I saw all of them together. There was a lot of laughing as I recall, and it stood out for me. They all took separate paths in life and stayed in touch with each other. They all went through some hard times starting with the death of their father almost forty-five years before this reunion, and then the Great Depression and World War II. After all that, every one of them had a sharp sense of humor.

Stanley and Rubey's third son to graduate from college was Kent. They were proud of his many accomplishments and traveled to Tahlequah for commencement ceremonies in late May. Stanley took a video of the graduates marching onto the field and Kent is surely in there somewhere. Mostly he captured a sea of black gowns and closeups of some bald heads. After the ceremony they went to Kent and Mary's apartment.<sup>613</sup>

Stanley and Rubey went back to Florida in July to see Roger's family and to watch the Apollo 11 launch from the Kennedy Space Center. They found a spot on nearby Merritt Island. There were a lot of other people there in campers and boats for the same thing. Of course, Stanley took video. It was cloudy that day and he got mostly clouds.



**Figure 180: Apollo Eleven Headed for the Moon, 1969**

In August Rubey and Stanley went to the Cook reunion at Camp George Thomas. There is not much information about the reunion except video of a golden eagle that Evert had on display there. It had been injured and the wildlife officials allowed Evert to display it for the Boy Scouts.<sup>614</sup>

The Presbyterian church celebrated its 80th anniversary in September and there were lots of previous out-of-town visitors. Stanley took video as people arrived at church that day.<sup>615</sup> Twenty years later, Margaret and I got involved in the 100 year anniversary but were unable to attend as we had moved to California by that time.

We celebrated Rubey's birthday at Thanksgiving, even though it was a day later. Stanley and Lynn shared responsibility for the video memorializing the day. Lewis and Bertha Hall were there as well as Lynn's family and me.<sup>616</sup>

A week before Christmas Kent and Mary's little girl was born and died. Rubey and Stanley's fifth grandchild. I think it was a hard time for everyone but particularly for Kent and Mary.

It was another big Christmas at Stanley and Rubey's house. Roger and Marsha came from Florida with their two kids and Lynn and Polly from Norman with their three. The Christmas Eve pre-chaos video shows a pile of presents stretching from the tree all the way to the fireplace. It looks like we had an artificial tree for the first time. The stocking lineup shows the old red ones from my childhood had been retired and replaced with newer fancier ones. Stanley's sister, Clara, and brother, Jim, joined us on Christmas morning. Others joined us for lunch including...

- Lewis & Bertha
- Rosemary & John Chatfield
- Carl & Lucille Hall and Edward





**Figure 181: Stanley & Rubey, Christmas 1969**

The table was set for ten using six chairs that matched the table, and a mishmash of bentwood and metal folding chairs for the rest. Coffee tables were always set up in the entryway for the children. This year Rubey used her stemless clear and red glasses; Rubey's granddaughters, Erin, Missy and Ann Lyn inherited some of these glasses. The video shows a traditional meal of turkey, dressing, gravy, canned cranberry sauce, salad and pickled beets.



**Figure 182: Hall Siblings Front L to R: Barbara Alberta, Ruth Marie, Clara Bell, Stella Jane; Back L to R: James Daniel, Lewis Levi, Carl Edward, William Stanley, April 2, 1969**

**1970:** There was a late December or early January snow in Anadarko just before Roger and Marsha returned home to Florida, a good reason to start driving toward Florida. Roger William enjoyed it and built a small snowman in Stanley and Rubey's back yard.<sup>617</sup>

Stanley saw into the future when he got a bell and fake phone to carry in his pocket, *"Incidentally: At the sound of a telephone ringing, Stanley Hall stopped a friend on the street here Thursday, reached under his coat and produced a telephone receiver -- then handed it to his friend saying, 'Your office is calling for you.' Whereby, an astonished passerby asked seriously, 'Say, does that thing really work?'"*<sup>618</sup>

The March birthday party went on while I was in college in Weatherford. Stanley, Holly, Heidi and Greg were there as well as the Orr cousins, Laurie, Merry and Amy and cousin Shelly Dutcher. It was a good party judging from Lynn's video. He must have had a better camera; all of the videos done by him are consistently better than Stanley's.<sup>619</sup> After the party, Lynn and his family went to Mexico for vacation. They sent a card from Cancun, "*Hope you are feeling better grandpa. Happy birthday!*"

The candelabra behind Rubey in the picture is now owned by granddaughter, Heidi, and the rose plate in the cabinet is now in my cabinet.

Either before or after the egg hunt, Lynn's family and the Orr family and the Dutcher family gathered in our living room on Central. Ruth Dutcher and all six of her grandchildren were there as well as Lynn's three children.<sup>620</sup>



**Figure 183: Rubey & Stanley, 1970**



**Figure 184: Rubey & Stanley, March 14, 1970**



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Rubey and Stanley's sixth grandchild, Missy was born in April. About a month after Missy was born, they traveled to Florida to meet her. They sent Jim a card when they got there about May 27th, "*Dear Jim, We got here alright through New Orleans, saw hurricane Camille damage in Mississippi. Took Rogee to school this a.m. & he was pleased. He's quite a guy. Love Bud & Rubey*" Rubey spent some time with Roger William at the swimming pool, probably while Missy napped.<sup>621</sup>



Stanley and Rubey took in some of the sights during this trip including a trip to the beach with Roger and family. Roger apparently made the video.<sup>622</sup>

**Figure 185: Rubey Watching Roger Swim, Ormond Beach 1970**



**Figure 186: Rubey & Stanley, Ormond Beach 1970**

Rubey and Stanley's grandson, Greg, spent a few summers with them, helping at the farm and learning to drive the pickup. Roger & Marsha and Kent & Mary came during 1970 while Greg was there. The video shows a friendly wrestling match mostly between Roger William and Greg, but including Stanley and Rubey near the end. Later in the day Stanley took Greg and Roger to see the horses, Domino and her colt south of town.<sup>623</sup>

It was another big Christmas as all four sons were home for the celebration.<sup>624</sup>

**1971:** Greg got his own separate birthday party this year at Rubey and Stanley's house. In addition to sisters, Holly and Heidi, his Dutcher and Orr cousins were there...

- Laurie, Merry, Amy and Scott Orr
- Shelly & Michael Dutcher

In May Stanley reached one of his key lifetime goals as I graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State College in Weatherford; all four sons were now college graduates. He may have worried that Rubey had more education than he did; I just know he was determined that all of us would get a college degree.

After graduation, I traveled with Stanley and Rubey to Florida to visit Roger and his family. I remember the great highways with speed limits of 75 miles per hour. Missy was walking and we had a good time playing in the yard. We all played on the beach one day. Roger took Stanley and me on a fishing trip out of Ponce Inlet near Daytona Beach. We caught some good fish to take back to Oklahoma.



**Figure 187: Stanley & Gene, 1971**

I also made a hard decision after graduation as there were two opportunities for me. Dr. Denzel Ferguson at Mississippi State wanted me to come there for graduate school majoring in herpetology. Dr. Hobart Landreth had told Ferguson that I would be a good fit. At the same time, Stanley had offered me a job at the savings and loan. I worried about it during finals week



and Dr. Landreth gave me some good advice, "*Most people in your class don't even have one opportunity and you have two. You need to just figure out which one would make you happy and take it.*" I was feeling a little poor after four years of college and Stanley's offer of \$600 a month was just too good to pass up.

Marc Thompson and his mother came to Anadarko for a visit later in the summer. One of the pictures from Florida with the fish was on the mantel behind Marc in the video.<sup>625</sup>



**Figure 188: Marc Thompson, 1971**

**1972:** In February, Rubey and Stanley's seventh grandchild, Erin, was born in Tulsa.

Rubey was hostess for the March birthday party again for Stanley, Holly, Heidi and me. It was a relatively small party this year with only three cousins in the video: Laurie & Scott Orr and Shelly Dutcher. A couple of neighbors were there as well.<sup>626</sup>

Greg's birthday at the end of April was much livelier with balloons and noise makers. Five of his cousins were there.

The day before Margaret and I were married, we celebrated Roger's birthday at Rubey and Stanley's house. All of Rubey and Stanley's children and grandchildren were there this day. They must have particularly enjoyed getting to know Erin, the newest member of the family.<sup>627</sup> Nobody knew that we had gotten married until several weeks later; we didn't want a big fuss and married at the courthouse in Lawton without telling anyone.





**Figure 190: Rubey Shows off her Dance Skills & Tells Margaret Something Funny**

In July, Rubey and Stanley traveled to Florida again and Roger got a good video of Rubey and Stanley dancing with Missy.<sup>628</sup>

The Cook reunion was held in August but there is little documentation besides a video of people in the swimming pool. The pool had not been drained like it had been last year. There is a funny sequence where Rubey tries to get Polly into the cold water a little faster. Others who were already in the pool were...<sup>629</sup>

Viola Cook	Shelly Dutcher
Holly Hall	Merry Orr
Heidi Hall	Michael Dutcher
Tony Cook	Scott Orr
Greg Hall	Kalvin Cook
Amy Orr	Ruth Dutcher
Laurie Orr	Lynn Hall

Kent and Mary came to visit about June; Erin was able to hold up her head by this point. There is a video of Mary bathing Erin and one of Kent and Erin napping.<sup>630</sup> They were back in about August for a visit. The video shows Erin crawling.<sup>631</sup>

Christmas at Stanley and Rubey's house was exciting once again but there were only two visiting families, Lynn's and Kent's. I went with Margaret to Albuquerque for Christmas.

**1973:** Rubey apparently didn't have a birth certificate until March when she was issued a delayed certificate. Her sister Myrtle signed an affidavit of personal knowledge to help with the process. They also used a 'Child's birth certificate' issued by G. E. Haslam in 1943 and their marriage license as proof of Rubey's birth.

Stanley and Rubey's eighth grandchild, Ann Lyn, was born in June.

In July Rubey signed a living will provided by the Euthanasia Educational Council of New York. This was three years before her cancer diagnosis.

We took Ann Lyn to visit Stanley and Rubey in August and took a short video of Stanley and Ann Lyn playing.<sup>632</sup>



**Figure 189: Rubey & Stanley, about June 1972**

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Rubey celebrated her birthday in November with a small party and cake. Ruth & Bruce and Uncle Jim were there and we brought Ann Lyn for her first taste of cake that day.<sup>633</sup>

Margaret's parents came to Anadarko for Christmas and we all spent Christmas Eve with Rubey and Stanley at their house. This is probably the first time our two sets of parents met. Stanley took some videos of Ann Lyn playing with their dog, Tija. Stanley said about Tija, *"He likes to chase cars. He was chasing a VW bug one day and pickup hit him but he only remembers the VW and he hates them."* Roger and Missy were there too. Lewis and Bertha Hall came by later in the evening when we were about to leave. Rubey and Stanley came to our house at 410 East Broadway on Christmas morning after breakfast and presents at their house. We had a good cedar tree from the country and Stanley and Rubey's old red velvet curtains can be seen in the video. Later in the day, we all went to Stanley and Rubey's house for Christmas dinner.<sup>634</sup>

**1974:** Rubey and Stanley invited us over for Ann Lyn's birthday in June. There was a big cake with an Irish setter on it.



**Figure 191: L to R: Rubey, Margaret, Ann Lyn, Stanley, June 1974**

Stanley and Rubey went to Lynn and Polly's house in Norman for Christmas but they had a Christmas at home first. I have a picture from then that shows Ann Lyn, Erin and Amy & Scott Orr eating at a card table in the entry. At some point they came to our house on West Sunset to open presents with Ann Lyn. In Norman, Holly, Greg and Heidi got a puppy and named it Sugar Plum. The video shows Stanley

playing with the pup before the kids woke up. While they went to Norman, we traveled to Albuquerque for a snowy Christmas.<sup>635</sup>

**1975:** We went to Rubey and Stanley's house to celebrate Margaret's birthday in early January. The video from that time is very short but happy. There were two videos going at the same time.<sup>636</sup>

Kent and Mary invited Stanley and Rubey to their house in Tulsa for Erin's third birthday in February. Roger, Marsha, Roger W., and Missy came too. They arrived just in time for an Oklahoma snowstorm that melted the same day.



**Figure 192: Marsha & Rogee Laugh as Rubey Motions Stanley to Turn  
down the lights**

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**Figure 193: Margaret & Ann Lyn, January 1975**

Rubey was hostess for the March birthdays for Stanley, Holly and Heidi again. Ruth brought Judy, Scott, Amy and Shelly to the party.<sup>637</sup>

The weather was bad at Easter and we held the egg hunt indoors at Ruth's work, Western Farmers Electric. A lot kids were there and Rubey was the biggest kid. She came in late running all around with her hands in the air looking for eggs. She was known to do this at other times, lining up with the kids and running past all the eggs with her hands in the air.<sup>638</sup> Stanley and Rubey posed for a picture before the weather got bad.



**Figure 194: Stanley & Rubey, Easter 1975**



In June, Rubey and Stanley came to Ann Lyn's birthday party at our new location near Square Top. Margaret's parents, Tom and Mary Evelyn, were there along with Uncle Jim, and Heidi.<sup>639</sup>

Kent and Mary were not able to travel to Anadarko for Missy's birthday party but the other three brothers and their families were there. Judy Dutcher brought her children as well.<sup>640</sup>

Stanley and Rubey took a road trip to Washington for Ruth and Carl Reiss' 50th wedding anniversary. All eight of the Hall siblings were there to celebrate.



**Figure 195: Stanley & his Siblings, 1975, L to R: Stella, Carl, Ruth, Stanley, Barbara, Lewis, Clara, Jim**

Rubey and Stanley only had Lynn and his family for Christmas morning. After the excitement at their house, they came over to our house to visit with Margaret's parents. We had a white Christmas at Square Top.<sup>641</sup>

**1976:** Some time in 1976 Rubey was diagnosed with lymphoma. There was a chemotherapy trial being conducted at one of the hospitals in Oklahoma City and Rubey's doctor suggested she take that treatment. It was a bit of a shock to both of them and I think they tried to continue their normal lives without talking much about it even with family. Of course, Rubey had her sister Ruth and they talked almost every day about this and everything else. Stanley said almost nothing to me about it other than the initial diagnosis. Rubey started taking treatments and her hair fell out for a time.

Stanley and Rubey hosted birthday parties at their house again this year starting with the March party for Holly and Heidi; Stanley was the videographer this year. Laurie and Merry Orr came to the party as well as Richard Wolf from next door and his brother. Uncle Jim was there for the cake.<sup>642</sup>

Ann Lyn's third birthday party was at our house near Square Top and Rubey and Stanley were there. Stanley made a small doll bed for Ann Lyn. Margaret's parents came from Albuquerque to celebrate as well.<sup>643</sup>

We celebrated Christmas at Rubey and Stanley's along with Lynn's family. Stanley got down on the floor and played with Ann Lyn and her new kitchen. Margaret and Uncle Jim danced with Ann Lyn.



**Figure 196: Stanley & Rubey, Christmas 1976**

**1977:** The number of videos that Stanley took declined each year and the last of the seventy-five that Greg Hall had was in 1977.

Rubey made a cake for Margaret's birthday in January. It was a small party with just our family and Rubey and Stanley. They gave Margaret an antique brass candlestick.<sup>644</sup>

There was good news in February when Jason, their ninth grandchild was born in Chickasha. When Margaret and Jason came home from the hospital, Rubey and Stanley were there for a pretty extensive photo session. I took the video while Stanley fiddled with his giant polaroid camera. Rubey seemed more reflective, talking with Ann Lyn and admiring Jason.



**Figure 197: L to R: Ann Lyn, Jason, Rubey, Feb 1977**



Stanley retired from the savings and loan in 1977 and left it for me to run. There was a full-page advertisement in the newspaper with a picture of him handing over the keys. I think it was a proud moment for him as something he had planned for a long time; it was to end in disaster a few years later when interest rates on new deposits reached sixteen percent. We had a retirement dinner for Stanley at Traders. At that party, I presented him with a memory book containing congratulatory letters from business associates in Anadarko and around the state.

In December, Rubey and Ruth's classmates from Boone school met for a mini reunion. One photo of that event shows six women with two unidentified in front of the Hall Christmas tree; those identified are Emma Weiss, Ruth Naomi Cook Dutcher, Rubey Della Cook Hall, Caroline Christianson Dean.<sup>645</sup>

**1978:** We started Jason's first birthday party at our house and continued it at Stanley and Rubey's house. Margaret's parents came from Albuquerque for the occasion.<sup>646</sup> Just three weeks later, Stanley gave a wiggling Jason his first haircut on their back porch on Central.<sup>647</sup>

Stanley and Rubey drove to Tempe in early April for Missy's birthday. Roger and Marsha showed them around the desert, and they picked grapefruit and oranges.

Uncle Jim died during the summer and took his sparkling sense of humor with him. Jim spent the last few years of his life helping Stanley with the cattle and loafing behind West Hardware with his friends. At the memorial service, one of these friends paused in front of the casket, put his hand on Jim's chest and said a short prayer. Stanley's brother Carl started riding with Stanley to feed the cattle.

In about 1978 Stanley and Rubey sold their house at 302 West Central and moved to 807 West Kentucky, across the alley from Ruth and Bruce Dutcher. The house on Central was too big for the two of them and difficult for Rubey to keep as presentable as she wanted. The new house was a single level which made it much easier for them.

Stanley and Rubey came to our house for Christmas along with Tom and Mary Evelyn.<sup>648</sup>

**1979:** Early in January the biggest ice storm in thirty years extended from Kansas, through Oklahoma and all the way to Dallas. During the worst possible weather is when the cattle need to be fed the most. Stanley and I picked up Carl and loaded up both the pickup and a trailer with hay. The road was a solid sheet of ice and we crept along the east/west section line toward the big farm. There was a hill followed by a larger hill near Asa Jenkins' house that we had to negotiate. I was driving and built up enough momentum to get over the first hill and then gathered more momentum going down toward the larger hill. The truck lost traction on the bigger hill and we were stuck. Stanley and Carl got out to push. Finally, all four wheels started



**Figure 199: Stanley Danced with Ann Lyn, Dec 1977**



**Figure 198: Stanley Cuts Jason's Hair**

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to slip and the entire rig jackknifed on its way back down. Luckily, Stanley and Carl were out of the way and the pickup spun all the way around lining up perfectly going the opposite direction. There was a lot of laughing and back slapping about my driving expertise, but I did nothing and had zero control over the outcome. We successfully took the longer route past Indian City and the cattle got fed.

Rubey and Stanley had a party for Jason's second birthday at their house. Our good friend, Melinda Witte, made a three-dimensional bear birthday cake for Jason.<sup>649</sup>

Ann Lyn and Jason hunted Easter eggs in Stanley and Rubey's back yard before moving to the bigger family hunt at Randlett Park just a block away through the Dutcher's yard.<sup>650</sup>

In the summer, Stanley went fishing with me and Tom at Corkin's Lodge in New Mexico. Tom and I sat Stanley down on a rock at the end of the road and used Tom's hand-crafted bamboo fly rods up river a half mile or so scrambling over boulders and trying different fancy flies. When we came back, Stanley was still on the same rock with a full stringer of trout. Stanley whined so much about how heavy and hard they were to carry that I took over and carried them the rest of the way to the cabin...which was his entire goal. We rode the Cumbres & Toltec train from Chama up the mountain to the Osier station and rode the tram up to Sandia peak later in the same trip. I think Rubey stayed at home.

Stanley's brother, Carl, died in October and it was difficult for Stanley.

**1980:** In July, Stanley took a trip with Tom Hinde and me to Alaska for a fishing trip on the Kenai River. We all three fished in a power boat near the mouth of the river on the first day. It was so loud we decided to switch to a rowboat. During the night Tom got sick and Mary Evelyn came to take him home. Stanley caught his limit of two Kenai king salmon in two days, both over 60 pounds. The razzing and unsolicited advice was almost too much for me until I finally caught one for myself on the third day.

Stanley joked that he was too weak after reeling in the fish and asked the oarsman to hold it up for a picture. I don't remember the man's name but Stanley stayed in contact with him for years afterward.



**Figure 200: Oarsman with Stanley's Fish & Gene, 1980**





**Figure 201: Stanley & Rubey's Europe Trip, Aug 1980**

After the initial, more aggressive treatment of Rubey's cancer was over, she felt better and her hair grew back. They decided to take a tour of Europe. There were several trips advertised in the Daily Oklahoman during 1979 and 1980. I believe that Rubey and Stanley went on a trip in August sponsored by the Central Oklahoma Media Association which was led by Reverend Bill and Ginny Guilford, "*Members of several area denominations will travel to Europe and Germany in August...*" Bill Guilford preached at the Anadarko Presbyterian Church a few times when we were between preachers or as a vacation substitute; he was there frequently between 1978 and 1982. Stanley and Rubey's friends, J.M. and Hazel Jackson went on the trip with them. Ruth Dutcher also decided to go with them but Bruce said, "*...I saw enough of that part of the world when I crawled halfway across France on my belly during World War I.*" It was a pretty extensive trip covering several countries and a lot of travel. I know that Stanley visited his old friend, George Kuwitzky, in London and there are pictures of Rubey and Stanley in Rome.

One of the purposes of the trip was to see the Oberammergau Passion Play held every ten years since 1634. The play is performed five days a week between mid-May and early October, almost 100 performances.

In September 1633, a citizen of Oberammergau died of the bubonic plague. Over the next month or so, half of the population in the town died. Wikipedia describes the beginnings of the play, "*On 28 October 1633, the villagers vowed that if God spared them from the plague, they would perform a play every 10 years depicting the life and death of Jesus.*"<sup>651</sup>

**1981:** Stanley's aunt Pearl [Sigmon] Longenecker died in August. We didn't see her very often even though they lived on a farm north of Verden. She was quite old when I met her for the first time.

**1982:** Stanley and Rubey got their legal affairs in order in July 1982 when they both signed a simple single-page will, prepared by John Garland.<sup>652</sup>

In September, Stanley's good friend J. M. Jackson died. We were in a board meeting when he got the news and it was difficult. J. M.'s daughter remembered their friendship, "*The Hall-Jackson friendships go back for as long as I can remember. Our dads spent many, many hours together -- planning...scheming...talking school board business...'farming'...and probably things we DON'T know about! More than anything -- just being friends.*" Janet recalled, "*Perhaps my fondest memory: Daddy was at this greenhouse; when we arrived, he was smoking the longest, thinnest, darkest cigarettes I had ever seen! I said, 'Daddy, what in the world are you smokin'?'*"

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*He said, 'Well, the S%\*# Stanley switched brands on me; I had no choice. When mama thinks she's caught me, I just tell her they're Stanley's!'"<sup>653</sup>* Stanley and J. M. had similar interests and they seemed to do things in a similar way. For example, J. M. built a 'slat house' one year for his strawberries. It took a great deal of effort to build and plant. It was designed to give just the right amount of sunshine and shade with slats of wood over the top. He harvested a bumper crop one year and then nothing happened after that. Stanley and J. M. planted onions one year and had another bumper crop. They laced the tops together and hung them all over our barn and garage. Some of them hung so long that they were unusable and there was no second crop. They moved on to something else.

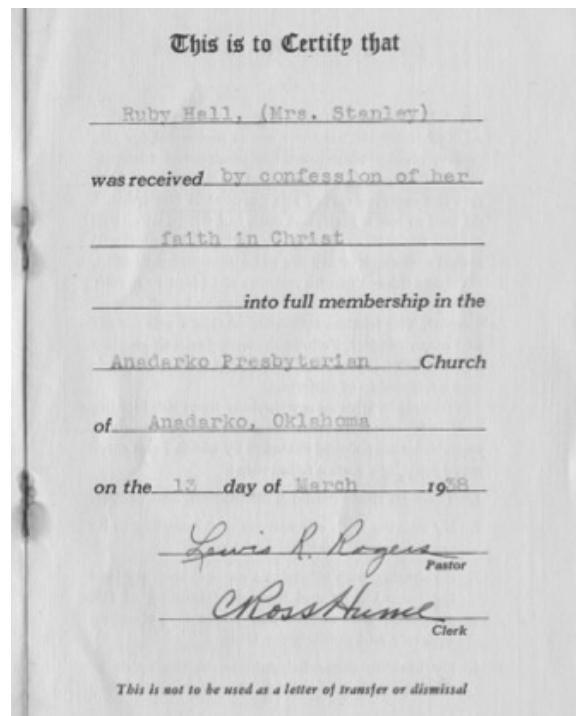
**1983:** In July, Stanley again requested information about the cash values of their two life insurance policies. Washington National replied to his request at the end of July with cash values of just over \$700 for each policy.

## Church

Both Stanley and Rubey were involved at church in various groups and committees. Rubey was most active in the Social Union group and Stanley was most active in church leadership roles such as Deacon and Elder.

	Documented Church Activities			
	Rubey	Stanley	Both	Total
Bible School	6	0	0	6
Social Union/Circle	22	0	0	22
Leadership	2	8	2	12
Sunday School	3	3	1	7
Presbyterian Guild	7	0	0	7
Men's Fellowship Council	0	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>55</b>

Stanley was already a member of the Presbyterian Church in Anadarko when they got married. Rubey joined in 1938 when Lewis Rogers was the pastor there.



**Figure 202: Rubey's Certificate of Church Membership**

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## Bible School 1937 - 1958

Rubey took an active part in Bible school for several years.

**1937:** In June the Presbyterian church announced the Bible school would be held at the church for two weeks starting June 14th, "*The classes will include Bible, memory work, music, and drama for the two older divisions and handwork for the younger children.*" There were ten teachers named in ten categories and two substitutes...<sup>654</sup>

Mrs. Joe Earl West, Bible	Ann Giddings, music leader
Mrs. Ralph Freelin, Bible	Mary Lou Giddings, pianist
Marjorie Wilson, Bible	Muriel Ellison, handwork
Betty Ann Meeting, memory work	Marguerite Cook, drama
Rubey Hall, memory work	Mrs. Amos Stovall, substitute
Mary Belle Fisher, memory work	Caroline Meeting, substitute

Two weeks later, on Friday June 25th, thirty children demonstrated their work. A total of forty-five children participated over the two weeks.<sup>655</sup>

**1942:** Rubey taught the junior and intermediate departments along with Mrs. Ralph Freelin and Mrs. Peter Meeting during the weeks of May 18th and 25th. Attendance was reported to be good with almost all of the children from the church attending.<sup>656</sup> On May 29th, there was a Bible school picnic and Rubey helped.<sup>657</sup>

**1946:** Rubey assisted with Bible again during the summer of 1946. The school was for two weeks ending June 28th, "*...will include courses in Bible study, memory work, handicraft, recreation and hymnology.*" Rubey was one of eight assistants working with the younger children.<sup>658</sup>

**1948:** Forty-eight children attended Bible school in 1948 and twenty-five had perfect attendance. Rubey was the assistant to Mrs. Freelin.<sup>659</sup>

**1952:** The church joined with the First Christian Church for a joint Bible school in June. Rubey and Lucille Hall were two of four teachers in the kindergarten department.<sup>660</sup>

**1958:** Rubey took charge of the kindergarten Bible school under the direction of Mrs. Walter Hammert. Others who helped were...<sup>661 662</sup>

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>
Mrs. Carl West .....	Primary
June Stonum.....	Juniors
Mrs. E. A. Meyers & Lola Baird .....	Refreshments
Suzanne Grant .....	Recreation
Francie Schaub.....	Music

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## Social Union and Circle 1939 - 1963

There were several organizations in the church and their names are sometimes used interchangeably. For example, there were two 'Circles' -- an 'Evening Circle' and an 'Afternoon Circle.' Both were sometimes called just 'Circle.' Some of the articles placed both groups under the Social Union as in 'Evening Circle of the Social Union.' Rubey's documented activities in all those are included in this section.

**1939:** On January 25th, Rubey went to Laura Wilson's house at 402 West Kentucky for Social Union.<sup>663</sup> There was a business meeting and a short program about foreign missions. Those leading the discussion were Lola Baird, Mrs. J. E. West, Mrs. Ralph Freelin and Mrs. Charles Fisher. Grace Marie Freelin sang a solo.



**1941:** In October, Mrs. Neil Dikeman reviewed 'The Keys of the Kingdom' by A. J. Cronin at the regular meeting of the Social Union. The meeting was held at 407 West Kentucky, Mrs. W. W. Davis' home. Twenty one members were there and Rubey was one of twenty-one guests who attended.<sup>664</sup>

**1944:** Rubey went to the Mothers' Day program to see performances by members of the Little Theatre Guild, "*Judy Dutcher and Lynn Hall presented a skit, 'A Case for the Doctor.'*"<sup>665</sup>

**1946:** On the afternoon of March 13th, Stanley's birthday, Rubey was a guest of the Social Union at 329 West Oklahoma, Mary Hall's home. Thirteen members were there.<sup>666</sup>

The April meeting was held at Mrs. Harold Peters' house, "*Mrs. Metzger had charge of the games, and prizes were won by Mrs. C. F. Zipse and Mrs. Stanley Hall.*"<sup>667</sup>

**1948:** Rubey attended Circle on March 17th when the group planned a cooked food sale, "*The sale will be conducted at 9:30 a. m. Friday at Pfaff's hardware and proceeds will be used to buy equipment for the young people's recreation center.*" Seventeen members were present...<sup>668</sup>

Mrs. Stanley Hall	Mrs. Clarence Fly	Mrs. Frank Wasson
Mrs. Sam L. Wilhite	Mrs. A. B. Hensley	Mrs. Brewster McFadyen
Mrs. Wendell Briscoe	Mrs. J. O. Ingram	Mrs. W. A. Hamilton
Mrs. Everett Poole	Mrs. Ira Rogers	Mrs. Carl West
Mrs. Otis Farrington	Mrs. R. W. Williams	Mrs. Ryffe Ogle
Mrs. J. C. Best	Mrs. E. B. Bristow	

In April, the members decided to serve dinner for the Eastern Star in connection with the school of instruction to be held. Mary Mahala Hall, Rubey's mother-in-law, was a member of Eastern Star. Mary was at the Social Union meeting and may have requested or directed the group to this activity. Sixteen members were at this meeting including Rubey and Mary.<sup>669</sup>

Later in April, Rubey attended the Circle meeting for a brief business meeting. Eight members were there.<sup>670</sup>

**1951:** The Evening Circle of Social Union met at Edith Hamilton's house and Rubey was the co-hostess. Twenty-one people were present including Rubey and Ruth Dutcher.<sup>671</sup>

In May the meeting was at Mrs. Doris Vaughan's house. Fourteen members were there including Rubey. Margaret Ann Ellison gave the devotional and Mrs. A. B. Hensley gave a program called 'Christian Teaching in the Church School.' The group elected delegates to the El Reno-Hobart Presbyterian meeting for woman.<sup>672</sup>

The Evening Circle held its annual tea in October. Fifteen women attended including Rubey. The group changed the meeting date "*...from the third Monday to the second Tuesday due to the conflict with P-TA.*"<sup>673</sup>

**1953:** At the end of September Social Union elected Caroline Dean president of the group. Rubey and fourteen others were at the meeting.<sup>674</sup> Caroline was Rubey's long-time friend since they both attended Boone school.

The November Evening Circle meeting was held at Lola Baird's home. They held a short business meeting and elected officers for the next year. Rubey was elected secretary.<sup>675</sup>

**1956:** The April Evening Circle meeting was at the minister's house at 309 West Kentucky. Rubey and Ruth were at the meeting along with seven others.<sup>676</sup>

Ruth Dutcher hosted the May Evening Circle meeting at her home at 810 West Central. Rubey read a paper called 'How to Welcome Indians into the Life of Urban Churches' and Mary Penoi showed a film called 'Strangers in Their Own Land.'<sup>677</sup>

## Church

**1957:** June Stonum was the Evening Circle hostess in early January at the church. Lora Lee Liles presided at the meeting and Edith Hamilton, my fifth grade math teacher, gave the lesson. A number of familiar names were there that night...<sup>678</sup>

Doris Vaughn	Edith Hamilton	Mrs. Mikkelson
Lola Baird	Lora Lee Liles	June Stonum
Ruth Dutcher	Mrs. E. A. Meyers	
Rubey Hall	Avis Brower	

Rubey and Laura Wilson were co-hostesses for the Social Union luncheon in September at the church. Martha Fulkerson led the lesson.<sup>679</sup>

**1958:** The Evening Circle met at our house in October with Rubey as the hostess.<sup>680</sup>

**1959:** In March, Ruth Dutcher was hostess for the Evening Circle at her home and Rubey gave the opening prayer. The group finalized plans for a dinner honoring senior members of the church. Ten members were at the meeting.<sup>681</sup>

Rubey was the hostess of Evening Circle in September at the church. Nine people attended the meeting including Rubey and Ruth Dutcher.<sup>682</sup>

**1963:** Rubey and Ruth went to Evening Circle at Lora Lee Liles' house at 308 West Colorado. Tephia Slater led the meeting.<sup>683</sup>

**The 1968 Rum Balls Disaster:** The Ladies Circle of the church met at our house for their December meeting. It was nearly Christmas and Rubey and Ruth had both made a lot of Christmas cookies. There were always some cookie trades between Rubey & other relatives before Christmas. Just before the meeting time one of the church ladies offered to help get everything ready and Rubey asked her to put a variety of cookies from the pantry onto a platter. In the middle of the meeting the preacher's wife, Pearl Showalter, blurted out, "*These have rum in them!*" The rum balls had come from one of the trades and Rubey was embarrassed because she didn't allow any alcohol in the house. A few years later she took solace in the fact that, "*The preacher's wife was the only one who recognized the flavor.*"

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## Leadership 1939 - 1989

**1939:** At the congregational meeting on March 29th, Stanley was elected Deacon of the Presbyterian church.<sup>684</sup>

The Hobart-El Reno Presbytery were guests of the Anadarko Church on September 6th. Rubey, Stanley, Lynn and Stanley's mother, Mary went. C. Ross Hume was the toastmaster and the guest speaker was Dr. L. C. Walter of Oklahoma City. Ninety people were there including local members and those from out of town.<sup>685</sup>

**1940:** In April 1940, Rubey was elected vice president of the Presbyterian Guild, a group for young women of the church.

**1942:** On March 25th while Stanley was visiting Hazel and Raymond Brooks in Abilene, Texas, Reverend D. E. Cox was elected pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Anadarko and Stanley was reelected Deacon at the same congregational meeting.<sup>686</sup> A few days later Stanley and Rubey's son, Lynn was recognized by the church for making a youth budget, already demonstrating his talent with numbers and accounting.<sup>687</sup>

**1943:** At the end of March 1943 Stanley was elected elder of the Presbyterian church for a three-year term ending in 1946. He served with E. T. Cook, Amos Stovall, Dwight Schaub, Margaret Ann Ellison and Dr. R. W. Williams.<sup>688</sup> He probably resigned his position with the deacons as people usually don't serve on both.

**1950:** In October, Stanley led an effort to host a church-wide fellowship dinner prepared by the men of the church, *"They have prepared the menu and are in charge of the program. They plan to prepare all the food and act as waiters."*

**1951:** Stanley served on the board of elders again, finishing his three year term in 1951. He served with Laura Wilson, Elsie Vallier and Frank Lucas.<sup>689</sup> There is no published record of his election three years earlier; he may have finished a term for someone else.

**1953:** After receiving a three-year pin for perfect attendance at the Kiwanis club, *"Incidentally...Stanley Hall proposed to fellow members of the Presbyterian church that pins be awarded to those with perfect church attendance. He says it is an idea, too, that won't break the budget..."*<sup>690</sup>

**1955:** In July Stanley conducted church services and Judy Dutcher talked, *"...recently returned from a two-week tour of missions in the Southwest. She went on the tour with a group of 32 Westminster fellowship members."* Apparently, the minister was on vacation as other church members were scheduled to speak in the next few weeks.<sup>691</sup>

**1956:** Stanley served again on the board of Elders and was listed in the roll of pastors for the Anadarko Presbyterian church. He served with Harry Beardsley, Otis DeGraffenreid and E. Fisher. At some point during the year, Dr. E. T. Cook replaced Mr. Beardsley.

In an interview for the church newsletter, Rubey said she had been an elder; a fact that I didn't find in regular sources.

## Sunday School 1940 - 1956

**1940:** The primary class was taught by Rubey and Mrs. Ralph Cleveland. On Sunday March 24th, the class was treated to an Easter egg hunt in the afternoon at the church. Mrs. Ralph Freelin helped. After the hunt, the group played games and had refreshments. Sixteen children participated including Lynn and his cousin, Judy.<sup>692</sup>

**1944:** Stanley was teaching Sunday school according to a notice in September, *"The boys in Stanley Hall's Sunday school class of the Presbyterian church have been asked to join the girls in Mrs. J. C. Best's class for the junior choir of the Presbyterian church and will practice at the regular meeting of the choir Wednesday night at 7 o'clock. The place for practice is the church auditorium."*<sup>693</sup> The group missed rehearsal on the 27th, *"...due to the special meeting of all church members to plan a program for Loyalty Day, to be observed next Sunday in all churches."*<sup>694</sup>

**1946:** Stanley got a movie camera in about 1946 as that is the earliest films we have. Someone took a video of Stanley leaving church in about 1946. He is carrying a couple of folders and three sets of envelopes for our weekly offering to the church -- one for Stanley and Rubey, one for Lynn and one for Roger. The folders could be anything, possibly materials for his Sunday school class.<sup>695</sup>

In October, Stanley's Sunday school class was mentioned in the calendar section of the newspaper, *"Wednesday: Stanley Hall's boys'*



Figure 203: Stanley after Church about 1946

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*class will meet at the Presbyterian church.*"<sup>696</sup> Later in the month, Rubey took Lynn to a Halloween party for the Primary League of the church. Their teacher, Mary Ann Gregg was in charge; Rubey and Mrs. A. E. Gregg assisted. Otis Farrington won first prize for his ghost costume. Ten children present were there including Lynn and Judy.<sup>697</sup>

In late October, the Primary League met on Monday afternoon at the church. Seven children, including Lynn and Judy Dutcher, participated in a program to memorize passages, learn to pray, and the children's place in the church. Rubey served refreshments.<sup>698</sup>

**1956:** In February, the parents and teachers of Sunday school departments one, two and three met at Gene and Joanne Smith's house, 201 West Georgia. Lunch was served and Mrs. Dean Stephens reviewed the lessons and activities for the upcoming quarter. Those who attended...<sup>699</sup>

Neff and Avis Brower

Bill and Edith Hamilton

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Wilson

Harold and Lora Lee Liles

Stanley and Rubey Hall

Reverend and Mrs. Dean Stephens

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Penoi

Francis McFadyen

Gene and Joanne Smith

Rubey and Mrs. Stephens attended a workshop a few days later for teachers of children in nursery, kindergarten, primary and junior church schools. The instructor was Jean Stewart who was on the board of Christian education of the Presbyterian Church USA.<sup>700</sup>

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## Presbyterian Guild 1940 - 1946

In April 1940, Rubey helped organize the Presbyterian guild for young women of the church.<sup>701</sup> The organizational meeting was on April 16th at 402 West Oklahoma, Miss Virginia Kerley's home. Virginia was the daughter of William Wilburn Kerley, the doctor who advised Stanley's parents to give him beer back in 1917. Officers were elected...<sup>702</sup>

Mrs. Sam Wilhite, president

- Edith Hamilton, first vice president
- Mrs. Brewster McFadyen, second vice president
- Rubey Hall, secretary
- Anna Dixon, treasurer

Mrs. John Youngheim was also there.

**1941:** Rubey and ten other members of the church guild held a covered-dish dinner in the church basement in April. Three guests were there as well.<sup>703</sup>

In October, the Guild met in the basement of the church for a covered-dish supper. Edith Hamilton, presided. Thirteen members were present including Rubey.<sup>704</sup>

**1942:** In the midst of the fourth War Drive, Rubey made time to attend the Presbyterian Guild meeting at Mrs. Joe Earl West's home at 410 West Louisiana. It was a regular business meeting followed by games.<sup>705</sup>

**1943:** Francie Schwab hosted the Presbyterian Guild on the Ides of March. There were ten members there including Rubey.<sup>706</sup>

Rubey returned to Anadarko from California after helping Ruth with her new baby in time to host the May meeting of the Presbyterian guild at the Hall house. Eight members were present to make plans to finish decorating the beginners' classroom. The group also discussed helping the Social Union with a rummage sale.<sup>707</sup>

**1944:** Rubey went to the January meeting at Mrs. Elbert Hefner's home, *...plans were discussed to complete the furnishings of the Cradle Roll department of the church. This is a project of the Guild for the year. Mrs. R. W. Williams was chosen from the Guild to be on the*



*general committee of the church for the pipe organ fund.*<sup>708</sup> The addition of a pipe organ during war time was seen as somewhat of a miracle by members of the congregation. According to a talk by Frances Schwab in September 1983, *"Wonder of wonders! it was sometime during these years that our church purchased our lovely pipe organ. I can't recall the details, perhaps some of you can, but it seems a miracle. There were very few nice things available for purchasing during the war and I've no remembrance of how we happened to have the money to buy such a treasure. It is wonderful to have our beloved Rachael [Bristow] playing the organ as she has for many years."*<sup>709</sup>

**1946:** Rubey presented a paper called 'The Heritage of Easter' at the Guild's April meeting. The meeting was held in the recreation room of the church. Ruth Dutcher was there as well.<sup>710</sup>

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## Men's Fellowship Council 1953

**1953:** In April, Stanley was elected secretary and treasurer of the Men's Fellowship Council of the Presbyterian church. This appears to be a new group. Charles Clark was chosen president and Sam Thompson vice president. The group planned to meet once a month but I found no further public records about this group.<sup>711</sup>



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Stanley and Rubey were both members of various clubs through the years. Stanley was active in only a few over the long term. They both liked card clubs, particularly bridge and pitch.

	Documented Club Activity			
	Rubey	Stanley	Both	Total
<b>Crape Myrtle Unit</b>	101	0	0	101
<b>Card Clubs</b>	4	0	18	22
<b>Kiwanis</b>	0	39	2	41
<b>OCW Alumni</b>	9	0	1	10
<b>Other Clubs</b>	9	3	0	12
<b>Total</b>	123	42	21	186

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### Crape Myrtle Unit 1938 - 1951

The Anadarko Flower Club had a few specialty units for people who liked a particular type of flower. My grandma, Mary Hall, was a member of the Rose Unit. June Lane and Rubey liked Crape Myrtle and attended regularly together many times. Rubey and June also drank coffee together almost every day when I was a child and there was no formal plan or invitation; it was just assumed that June would come to our house or Rubey would go to June's house.

**1938:** In early March Rubey and June Lane went to Mary Hall's house at 216 West Kentucky for the Rose Unit meeting. They were both guests, possibly from the Crape Myrtle Unit.<sup>712</sup> In December, Rubey went to the Crape Myrtle Christmas party at Mrs. Monzy Morgan's home. June Lane gave the program on 'The origin of the Christmas Tree' and Rubey was there as a member.<sup>713</sup>

**1939:** The Crape Myrtle Unit met in late January at the Kelin house located at 604 East Central. There was a short business meeting followed by a short paper given by Mrs. Ivon Smith about Chrysanthemums.<sup>714</sup>

During the February meeting Rubey gave a paper about 'Planting an Ever-Blooming Garden' at the Williams house, 214 West Virginia. The paper was followed by a round of discussion. Seven members were there including June Lane.<sup>715</sup>

Rubey was back at the Crape Myrtle meeting in late March at Mrs. Peters' house, 713 West Virginia. The topic was 'Wild Flowers' and each member answered roll call by naming her favorite wild flower. June Lane gave a paper about dahlias, "*An interesting feature of the program was the display of a plant lent to the club by Mrs. Raymond Brooks [Hazel Hall]. The plant was brought to America from Germany by Mrs. Kaiser and is known as the Golden Lack.*" Ten members were there.<sup>716</sup>

At the April meeting the club met with Mrs. Bentley at 122 East Oklahoma. Seven members were there. The program was about bulbs that should be planted in the summer.<sup>717</sup>

In September, Rubey and Stanley went to a wiener roast at Riverside Park sponsored by the Crape Myrtle Unit of the Anadarko Flower Club, "*Mrs. Pete Streun gave a paper on 'Lilies,'*"

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telling of their culture and care, after which an informal hour was spent visiting around the campfire." The members and their families who were there...<sup>718</sup>

Mr. and Mrs. Monzy Morgan  
Mr. and Mrs. Charley Lane  
Mr. and Mrs. Streun  
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hall  
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bentley  
Mr. and Mrs. Ivon Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holmberg  
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hawkins  
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Roberds  
Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Johnston  
Mrs. Harold Peters  
Mrs. Lester Kelin

Only the adults were named in the article.

Near the end of June, Rubey entered the second annual county vegetable and flower show and won first prize for her Sprengeri fern. She also won both 2nd and 3rd for her begonia. Rubey's mother-in-law, Mary and sister-in-law June also won prizes.<sup>719</sup>

In August the Grape Myrtle Unit met at the Bill Holmberg home and the group discussed peonies. There were nine members present. June Lane won a prize in a flower contest during the social hour.<sup>720</sup>

Rubey hosted the group in late October in the Hall home at 605 West Oklahoma, "*Decorations for the hostess' home were seasonal garden flowers and cut roses. A Halloween motif was suggested in the refreshment plate served at the close of the evening.*" Seven members came to the meeting. Rubey's mother, Rosa, and Stanley's mother, Mary, and Stanley's sister, Hazel, were there as guests. Mary and Hazel were visiting from the Rose Unit.<sup>721</sup>

At the November meeting June Lane was elected president. There were nine members present including Rubey and June.<sup>722</sup>

The next month June Lane hosted the club at Mrs. Harold Peters' house on West Virginia. There were eight members there including Rubey and June.<sup>723</sup>

**1940:** Rubey took Ruth to the Grape Myrtle unit meeting in late January at Mrs. Lester Kelin's house. Mrs. Cecil Roberds gave a talk about landscaping and Ruth became a new member. June Lane presided over the business meeting.<sup>724</sup>

The February meeting was held at June Lane's house. Rubey and Ruth were there and Hazel Brooks was a visitor.<sup>725</sup>

In March, Rubey and Ruth went to the meeting at Mrs. Cecil Roberds' home on West Alabama. Eleven members were there. Mrs. Don Williams talked about growing plants from cuttings. The group exchanged seeds and cuttings after the talk and June Marie Roberds played a song on the piano. They also played games and June Lane won a prize.<sup>726</sup>

In May, Rubey hosted the Grape Myrtle unit with June Lane presiding over the business portion of the meeting. Both of my grandmothers, Rosa Cook and Mary Hall, were guests. Other guests included Mrs. Freelin from next door, Mrs. Lewis Rogers, and Mrs. J. W. Pieratt, wife of Stanley's coworker at the courthouse. Mrs. Rogers and Ruth Burnett won prizes for a flower game during the meeting. Ten other members were there.<sup>727</sup>

The Caddo County Flower and Vegetable show was held June 19th a half block away from Stanley and Rubey's house, at the national guard armory. According to the paper, "*Members of the Anadarko Flower clubs, the county home demonstration clubs and the Anadarko Chamber of Commerce today announced great satisfaction with the results of the annual Caddo County Flower and Vegetable Show held at the National Guard armory here Wednesday.*" Rubey represented the Grape Myrtle Unit and won third in the French, odorless marigolds category. Two other members of her club won first and second; Mrs. W. H. Holmberg and Mrs. Don Williams respectively. In the double nasturtium category, Ruth won second and Rubey won third.<sup>728</sup>



The group celebrated the next week at Mrs. Billy Bentley's home. Aunt June presided over a short business meeting before Rubey gave a talk about rock gardens. June won a prize during a flower game. Nine members were there including Rubey, June and Ruth Burnett.<sup>729</sup>

The July meeting was held at Mrs. Don Williams home, 114 West Kentucky. Eleven members were there including Rubey and June Lane.<sup>730</sup>

In August, the meeting was at Ivon Smith's home and Rubey "...read an interesting paper on 'Crape Myrtles' prepared by Mrs. Charlie Lane. Mrs. Hall, in her discussion of the crape myrtle, told Garden Flower club members that the spring is the best time to plant the crape myrtle and that they may be started from cuttings. Oklahoma is one of the most adaptable climates for crape myrtles and it is a very hardy plant that requires little culture. She also told her listeners of methods of insect control, adding, however, that few insects bother the crape myrtle."<sup>731</sup>

In September, the club had a covered-dish supper at Pete Streun's house at 509 West Central. Twenty-nine members and their children were there including these relatives...<sup>732</sup>

<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
Ruth Burnett .....	Judy
Rubey & Stanley .....	Lynn
June Lane .....	Harold and Norma Sue

In November, the club had a regular meeting. The meeting was at Alma Hawkins house at 316 West Kentucky. June retired as the group's president after serving her year. Eleven members were there including Rubey and June.<sup>733</sup>

The club held it's Christmas party at Mrs. Bill Holmberg's house. The article says that June Lane presided over the meeting, but I think she retired from her position in November. Thirteen members were there.<sup>734</sup>

**1941:** Rubey and June Lane went to the January Crape Myrtle Unit meeting at Mrs. Lester Kelin's house. Roll call was answered by each member giving a garden hint. There were thirteen members there and one guest.<sup>735</sup>

Rubey apparently missed the February meeting but presented a paper at the March meeting, 'Flowers for Their Fragrance.' The meeting was at Mrs. Cecil Roberds home, 406 West Louisiana.<sup>736</sup>

On May 19th, the Rose Unit held a tea and invited members of the other flower units Chrysanthemum, Dahlia and Crape Myrtle, to attend. Stanley's mother, Mary, opened the program with the club collect. Forty-six people were there including Rubey.<sup>737</sup> Three days later, the Crape Myrtle Club held its regular meeting at 713 West Virginia, the Harold Peters home, "Especially clever and causing much merriment throughout the evening were hats formed of garden flowers worn by each member. A prize for the best hat was won by Mrs. Stanley Hall." Ten members were their including Rubey and June Lane.<sup>738</sup> Four days after the Crape Myrtle meeting, Rubey attended the Dahlia Unit at Mrs. J. W. Pieratt's house, 602 East Oklahoma.<sup>739</sup> J. W. Pieratt was Stanley's co-worker; Rubey must have been invited at the Rose Unit tea on the 19th.

Winners from the Caddo County Flower show were listed in the paper on June 21st and Rubey won 3rd for her Bouncing Betty representing the Crape Myrtle Unit.<sup>740</sup>

The July meeting was at June Lane's house at 113 West Alabama. Roll call was answered with garden hints. Stanley's mother Mary Hall was a guest. Rubey gave a talk on verbenas and won a prize during the game portion of the meeting.<sup>741</sup>

At the end of August, the Crape Myrtle group entertained members of the other flower club units at the Masonic Temple, "One of the loveliest and most colorful affairs of the season was the reception by the Crape Myrtle Unit of the Anadarko Garden Flower club Thursday evening

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at the Masonic Temple." Eleven, virtually all. of the crape myrtle group were there to entertain the other 27 members of the other clubs. Relatives who were there...

- Stanley's mother, Mary
- Stanley's sister, June Lane
- Rubey's cousin, Lela Connel

The Crape Myrtle Unit met at Mrs. Bill Holmberg's home in November and June Lane gave a paper called 'Iris and Peonies.' Rubey won a prize for the contest game. Roll call was answered by members with garden hints. Ten members were there including Rubey and June.<sup>742</sup>

The group met with Mrs. Wren Graham in November, "*Roll was answered with a garden hint. Each member also read a poem pertaining to flowers or nature to place in the club scrapbook.*" Thirteen members were there.<sup>743</sup>

Rubey hosted the Crape Myrtle Christmas party on December 11th, "*The home of the hostess was beautifully decorated with Christmas symbols and in the traditional colors with a lighted Christmas tree and nativity scene. Christmas candles about the room furnished lighting.*" The group sang Christmas carols and played games. Game prizes were won by Mrs. Ira Hart and Rubey. They exchanged gifts and had refreshments. Thirteen people were at the party.<sup>744</sup>

**1942:** Rubey went to the January Crape Myrtle meeting at Mrs. Pete Streun's house, "*It was a special called meeting for the purpose of learning to knit sweaters for the red cross. Members of the unit acted as instructors.*" Twelve members were there including Rubey and June Lane.<sup>745</sup>

The April meeting was hosted by Mrs. Cecil Roberds. A finished Red Cross sweater was turned in for donation. Rubey and twelve others were at the meeting.<sup>746</sup>

In early May, the Rose Unit had its annual rose tea at the Masonic Temple. Rubey and Stanley's mother went.<sup>747</sup>

In May Rubey went to the Crape Myrtle meeting at Mrs. Wren Graham's house, 411 West Louisiana. Twelve members were there including Rubey and June Lane. June was responsible for the games at this meeting.<sup>748</sup>

In early June, the club had a traveling breakfast at Mrs. Don Williams' home, 114 West Kentucky, "*The hostess accompanied by the president of the club went to the home of each of the members who had to leave with them dressed as they were. Each woman took the makings of her own breakfast and the entire group cooked breakfast. After breakfast, pictures were taken of the group in Mrs. Williams' flower garden.*" Fourteen members were there including Rubey and June Lane.<sup>749</sup>

In mid-June, Rubey entered flowers in the county flower and vegetable show. She won second for her day lilies and her coreopsis. Prizes this year were \$0.35, \$0.25, and \$0.15 for 1st second and third respectively. So, Rubey won a total of 50 cents for the effort.<sup>750</sup>

Rubey hosted the Crape Myrtle Unit in September and there was perfect attendance. Roll call was answered with each member's favorite house plant. There were sixteen members and one guest present.<sup>751</sup>

In October fourteen members met at Mrs. Bill Holmberg's home. Rubey and June Lane were there.<sup>752</sup>

In December, Rubey went to the Crape Myrtle Christmas party at Mrs. Thomas Lee Dixon's home. Roll call was answered with the names of Biblical flowers and a gift exchange was held. Rubey was elected reporter for the next year. Mrs. Harold Peters, "*...stood before the beautifully lighted Christmas tree and read 'The Christmas Story,' and 'Symbols of Christmas,' prepared by Mrs. Monzy Morgan.*"<sup>753</sup>

**1943:** At the end of March, Crape Myrtle met next door at June Lane's house. Roll call was answered with the name of a favorite bird. Thirteen members were there including Rubey and June.<sup>754</sup>

Rubey attended the May meeting at Mrs. Harold Peters' home. The group answered roll call with garden hints. Twelve members were there including Rubey and June Lane.

The winners of the county flower show were announced on June 17th and Rubey won first for her calliopsis.<sup>755</sup> A week later, Rubey gave birth to another son, Roger.<sup>756</sup>

Including Rubey and June Lane, eleven members attended the August meeting at Mrs. Ira Hart's home. After meeting the group adjourned to the McClure farm for a picnic.<sup>757</sup>

The September meeting was at Mrs. Don Williams' home at 115 West Kentucky. Roll call was answered with a favorite recipe. Nine members were there including Rubey and June Lane.<sup>758</sup>

In October, the group celebrated Halloween with a party. Rubey gave a paper about roses. There were eight members at the party including Rubey and June Lane.<sup>759</sup>

On November 10th, the Chrysanthemum Unit held its annual guest tea at the American Legion building; June Lane and Rubey attended as guests of the Crape Myrtle Unit. The unit invited all the other flower units to attend. Each guest made and wore a corsage which was judged by the presidents of the other units for "...arrangement of flowers and suitability for costume."<sup>760</sup>

The November Crape Myrtle meeting was at June's house next door and Rubey acted as co-hostess. "*Names were drawn for the Christmas party...*" Lucille Hall was one of three guests; Eleven members also attended.<sup>761</sup>

The meeting was held earlier than normal in December, probably to maximize attendance during a busy season. The meeting was at Mrs. Albert Smith's home, "*The 16 members of the club were seated at the long dining table, with a centerpiece of Christmas greenery, flanked by tall red tapers.*" Mrs. Wren Graham distributed gifts from the gift exchange. Mrs. Ray Hollar and Mrs. Roy Metzger were welcomed into the club. Rubey and June were there.<sup>762</sup>

**1944:** Rubey, June and ten other members met at Mrs. Monzy Morgan's house. Roll call was answered with ideas on planting flower seeds and bulbs. The group decided to cooperate with the other flower units to plant trees at the east entrance to town and in the park. The group also had a seed and bulb exchange.<sup>763</sup>

In March, the group had a busy meeting at Mrs. Albert Smith's home. They made plans for a dedication of redbud trees at the Roadside Park on Sunday the 26th. I believe that park is located on the east edge of town just north of Central Boulevard. In addition, the group voted to give two crape myrtle bushes to the same park, one from the club and one from the club president, Mrs. Harold Peters. They also voted to support the war effort through a Red Cross donation and through the knitting program. Both Rubey and June were there.<sup>764</sup>

Rubey was hostess for the April meeting, "*Plans were made to take roses to the USO club house for servicemen on Mother's Day, May 14.*" Roll call was answered with materials for the club scrapbook, "*Mrs. Albert Smith had charge of two games with prizes won by Mrs. Vernon Martin and Mrs. Mary Hall.*" My grandmother, Mary, and my Aunt Ruth Dutcher were guests. Ten members including Rubey and June Lane were there.<sup>765</sup>

In May, Rubey and June went to Crape Myrtle at Mrs. Vernon Martin's house, "*Roll call was answered by bringing hospital bouquets which were taken to the hospital after the meeting.*" There were two contest games; Rubey won one prize and June won the other. Nine members were there.<sup>766</sup>

The Crape Myrtle hosted the other flower units for a tea at the Community Building on August 10th. Rubey and June were in the receiving line. Thirty-four guests and fifteen members attended. Mary Hall was there as a guest from the Rose Unit.<sup>767</sup>

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The annual Crape Myrtle Halloween masquerade party was at June Lane's house, "*On entering the dimly lighted rooms of the home, the members were greeted by a costumed Indian and as each guest came in costume, they were seated without formalities. Mrs. Harold Peters was awarded the prize for the best costume with her white nurse's dress and caring for a baby.*" Rubey led a contest game and Mrs. Albert received the prize for the best answers. June served refreshments assisted by Hazel Brooks. Eleven members and three guests were at the party.<sup>768</sup>

Rubey and June went to the club meeting at Mrs. Percy Kern's house in November. The group saw pictures and heard a paper by Mrs. Vernon Martin about various national parks. Roll call was answered with seasonal decorations. The group elected officers for the coming year. Sixteen members were at the meeting including Rubey and June.<sup>769</sup>

The annual Christmas dinner and gift exchange was held on December 15th at Mrs. Albert Smith's house, "*The party rooms were decorated in the Christmas colors and the large lighted Christmas tree held the gifts. Favors were Christmas corsages of holly and red berries.*" Fifteen members attended the party including Rubey and June.<sup>770</sup>

**1945:** Rubey and June went to the March Crape Myrtle meeting at Mrs. Don Williams' home. June distributed tomato seeds to each member and the group decided to give a prize for the best plant grown from these seeds. There were thirteen members at the meeting.<sup>771</sup>

Rubey and June probably rode together to the Ray Hollar home west of town for the May meeting. The group shared, "*...a picnic supper prepared by Ray Hollar.*" Before supper, the group hiked through the hills looking at wild flowers. The club decided to take roses to the Anadarko USO on Mother's Day. Fifteen members were there.<sup>772</sup>

Rubey and June were co-hostesses for the meeting at the end of June, "*Fifteen members answered roll call with 'canning hints.'*" Each member brought a bouquet to be taken to the Anadarko hospital and put into the rooms of patients. Rubey, June and Mrs. Percy Kern were on the committee to distribute the bouquets. My grandmother, Mary Hall attended this meeting as a guest.<sup>773</sup>

In September, the club held its annual tea at the community building, "*One of the loveliest affairs of the fall season was held Thursday evening when the Crape Myrtle unit of the Anadarko Garden Flower clubs entertained with their annual tea.*" June Lane kept the guest book and Rubey assisted at the "*...crystal punch bowl on the lace covered table.*" The new Gladiola unit was welcomed to their first social affair.<sup>774</sup>

Rubey gave a paper called 'Spices and Herbs' at the October meeting. The meeting was held at Mrs. Percy Kern's house and Grace Morgan was co-hostess. Ten members and two guests attended the meeting.<sup>775</sup>

After hearing a first-hand account of Jean Richey's war experiences a few nights before, Rubey must have been relieved to attend the Chrysanthemum Unit soiree at the community building on November 15th. Rubey, June and seven other members of the Crape Myrtle unit were there; in addition, seven from the Rose Unit, thirteen from the Gladiola Unit, eight from the Iris Unit and twenty-seven other guests attended.<sup>776</sup>

In November the club elected Mrs. R. E. Metzger as its president for the coming year. They met at Mrs. Norma Talkington's house, 416 East Central. Roll call was answered with hints on gift wrapping. Rubey was elected vice president. She was also asked to assist Mrs. Tommy Dixon, chair of the program committee. June was appointed to serve on the bylaws committee along with Mrs. Harold Peters and Mrs. Bill Holmberg. June won a prize for one of the games played.<sup>777</sup>

Just one day after the First State Bank Christmas party, on December 6th, Rubey and June represented the Crape Myrtle unit at the Rose Unit Christmas reception. It was held in the



community building. Mary Melton sang a group of Christmas songs accompanied by Ann Denning. The event was attended by all of the units of the Anadarko Flower club...<sup>778</sup>

- 7 members of the Chrysanthemum unit
- 6 members of the Crape Myrtle unit including Rubey and June
- 7 members of the Iris unit
- 7 members of the Gladiola unit
- 14 members of the Rose unit including Mary Mahala Hall
- 32 guests

A total of 73 people were there that evening, *"Window ledges in the lounge room were decorated with traditional Christmas scenes in miniature. On one side of the piano were four candles shaped as choir boys and on the other side were candles in the shape of angels and a Christmas tree. Decorating a table was the Nativity scene."*<sup>779</sup>

A week after the Rose unit reception, Rubey and June went to the Crape Myrtle annual Christmas dinner at Mrs. Wren Graham's house, *...a long lace covered table centered with a Christmas bouquet of a poinsettia and greenery."* After dinner, roll call was answered with Biblical flowers and the group conducted a gift exchange led by Mrs. Graham. Seventeen were at the party including Rubey and June and one guest.<sup>780</sup>

**1946:** The January meeting was held at Mrs. Morgan's house. Sixteen members, including Rubey and June Lane, answered roll call with a New Year's resolution.<sup>781</sup> The next day, on January 25th, the group gave a surprise shower for Mrs. Harold Peters.

In early February, Rubey was a guest when the Rose unit met with her mother-in-law, Mary Hall. The meeting was at Hazel Brooks' house. Rubey's cousin, Lela Connel, was also there.<sup>782</sup>

In late March, Rubey and June Lane were co-hostesses for the Crape Myrtle group at the Hall house. Mary Mahala Hall was a guest and thirteen members were present.<sup>783</sup>

Rubey, June and fourteen others met at Mrs. Percy Kerns' house for the Crape Myrtle unit. Officers for 1947 were elected and Mrs. Norman Talkington gave a paper on 'Indoor Gardening'.<sup>784</sup>

Fifteen members met at Mrs. Tommie Lee Dixon's house, *"Contests were conducted by Mrs. Ray Hollar with prizes going to Mrs. Ira Hart and Mrs. Stanley Hall as winners."* June was also at this meeting.<sup>785</sup>

In December, the meeting was held at Mrs. Ray Ross' home. They celebrated with Christmas dinner and a gift exchange, *"...guests were seated at two large dining tables. Centerpieces for the tables were arrangements of cedar, nandina berries and red tapers."* Rubey and June were both there.<sup>786</sup>

**1947:** After taking some time off after Kent's birth in January, Rubey returned to the Crape Myrtle unit for the February meeting. The meeting was next door and June asked Mrs. Bud Zipse to be co-hostess, probably because Rubey was still too busy with the new baby. Roll call was answered with household tips. Stanley's mother, Mary was a guest at the meeting.<sup>787</sup>

Rubey and June went to the March meeting at Mrs. R. G. Ross' home. The group completed plans for the district flower convention which was to be held the next week. They also completed their part of a blue bird trial by putting up their bird houses on the following Monday. Thirteen other members were there.<sup>788</sup>

The flower convention was a success. About 150 people from the southwest district came to the meeting. Towns represented were...<sup>789</sup>

Altus	Cement	Roosevelt
Hobart	Lone Wolf	Cordell
Lawton	Sentinel	Anadarko

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The Crape Myrtle unit didn't appear to have a special role in the meeting, but they were well represented by twelve members including Rubey and June.<sup>790</sup>

By late April, Rubey had recovered enough to be the co-hostess for Mrs. Ray Hollar at the Hollar home west of town. Roll call was answered with 'characteristics of birds.' The wren was chosen as the club bird during the business meeting. Ten members were at the meeting.<sup>791</sup>

Rubey attended the annual garden party held by the Gladiola Unit in the basement of the Masonic Temple. Members of a local string ensemble played in the background including...<sup>792</sup>

Willia Sorrells	Norma Jean Morgan	Lawdis Lee Gandy
David Nixon	Joan Howard	Billie Fowler
Jimmy Thompson	Carlene Johnson	Ferris Thompson

Ten members of the Crape Myrtle Unit were there including Rubey and June Lane.<sup>793</sup>

Rubey and June went to the July meeting at Mrs. Vernon Martin's home. All members "*...recited the club creed, after which roll call was answered with bouquets of flowers*" Thirteen members were present.<sup>794</sup>

At the end of August, the Crape Myrtle group had a family picnic in Randlett Park. The evening was spent informally. Stanley and Rubey were there; Lynn, Roger and Kent weren't mentioned in the article, but were surely there. June Lane, Harold and Norma Sue were there as well.<sup>795</sup>

Rubey and June joined fourteen others at the November meeting. Roll call was answered with Christmas decoration hints. The group made plans for a cooked food sale to be held at the Chamber of Commerce. They also exchanged flower bulbs that evening.<sup>796</sup>

Mrs. Roy Metzger was hostess for the club Christmas dinner, "*Mrs. Glenn Young read a paper, 'Christmas Customs in Other Lands,' which was written by Mrs. Metzger.*" Sixteen members were at the party including Rubey and June.<sup>797</sup>

**1948:** June was elected treasurer of the unit at the January meeting at Mrs. Albert Smith's home. Roll call was answered with January flower tips. Fourteen members were present.<sup>798</sup>

In February, the Crape Myrtle Unit decided to send seeds to Europe under the 'Seeds for Peace' plan. The Chrysanthemum Unit also voted to, "*...cooperate with the national council in the 'Seeds of Peace' project.*" I was not able to find additional information about this program. Then June gave a talk titled 'Flowers for Cutting, Old and New.' Roll call was answered with an exchange of recipes. One guest and eighteen members attended including Rubey and June.<sup>799</sup>

The unit met at Mrs. Tommy Dixon's home in March. Rubey and June were at the meeting along with eleven other members.<sup>800</sup>

The group met at Mrs. O. S. Fitzgerald's home in April. June prepared a bronze iris flower arrangement for the meeting. Thirteen members attended the meeting including Rubey and June.<sup>801</sup>

Near the end of June, Rubey and June Lane represented the Crape Myrtle group at a Gladiolus Unit flower show at 513 West Broadway, home of Raymond and Elizabeth Green. It was a drop-in event and sixty-eight people visited during the afternoon and evening.<sup>802</sup>

The Crape Myrtle Unit visited the Gracemont greenhouse in October. During their visit, they saw chrysanthemums and learned how to grow Easter lilies from seed. Afterward they went to Mrs. Harold Peters home for a short business meeting. June Lane served as co-hostess. They made plans for the Christmas party and drew names for a gift exchange. Fifteen members were at the meeting including Rubey and June.<sup>803</sup>

At the November meeting, the group met in Mrs. R. E. Metzger's house. It was a regular meeting with a business session, a short talk, games, and a refreshment plate. Rubey and June were there.<sup>804</sup>

The December party was not mentioned in the paper.

**1949:** Rubey may have attended in January and February, but there is no write up in the newspaper about those meetings -- only reminders in the 'Social Calendar' columns.<sup>805</sup>

Just three days after Rubey and I were released from the hospital, she co-hosted the March Crape Myrtle meeting with June Lane. At the March meeting the group discussed planting flowers that would attract birds. The roll call was answered with new flowers or bulbs planted this year. Mrs. Albert Smith was appointed to the yearbook committee for the next year. They drew names for the list of hostesses for the coming year. Fifteen members were there for the meeting.<sup>806</sup>

The new slate of officers officially took over in April and Mrs. Tom Dixon named committees. The meeting was at Mrs. Norman Talkington's house at 507 West Oklahoma. June Lane was the new treasurer for the group; she also helped provide flowers to the churches during May. Rubey served on the 'birds' committee with Mrs. Ira Hart. The group drew mystery pals that remained secret until Christmas. Nineteen members were present.<sup>807</sup>

In June, the group had a steak fry at 'Lazy Hollar,' Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hollar's home, "*While the food was being prepared by the host, Mrs. Hollar showed her deep freeze to her guests.*" After dinner, roll call was answered by telling 'successes and failures' and the members traded iris bulbs. Fifteen members were there.<sup>808</sup>

The group had a pot-luck supper at Mrs. R. E. Metzger's house in September. Thirteen members including Rubey and June were there. The Metzger's house was at 616 West Texas. Three of the members had attended the sixth district garden club convention and discussed their experiences. Nineteen members attended the meeting.<sup>809</sup>

In October, they had a going away supper for Mrs. Metzger at the 'Kern Ranch' east of Anadarko. Seventeen members, including Rubey and June, wished her well in a new home in Bentonville, Arkansas.<sup>810</sup>

Rubey and June attended the club Christmas party at Mrs. Ira Hart's home. Roll call was answered by telling a Christmas custom. Mrs. Hart made cedar, pine cones and red ornament corsages for each member. They sang carols and received gifts from their mystery pal. Eighteen members were there.<sup>811</sup>

**1950:** Rubey and June were not active in the club during 1950; I am not sure why. The club published an article after each meeting and named all of the people who attended. Rubey and June are both missing from the group. In January 1950, all of the units started holding meetings on Thursday night. Perhaps there were conflicts with the day for Rubey and June.

**1951:** In April, Mrs. Don Baldwin and Rubey traveled to Apache to visit the Apache Culture Club. The club was talking about gardens and flower arranging. Mrs. Baldwin was introduced as the president of the southwest district garden clubs; she demonstrated flower arranging and Rubey assisted.<sup>812</sup>

The Crape Myrtle Unit appears to have declined after 1951; the mentions in the newspaper went from 38 in 1951 to none after that. The last meeting of the unit to be publicized was in June 1951. The other units of the Anadarko Flower Club continued.

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## Le Jeudi Soir & Other Card Clubs 1940 - 1983

After their marriage, Rubey and Stanley continued to enjoy cards informally and at clubs set up just for that purpose. There were games that they attended together and games that they attended separately. They eventually abandoned the formal card clubs in favor of smaller, informal gatherings with friends.

**1940:** On May 20th, Stanley and Rubey went to Le Jeudi Soir as guests at Floyd Lytle's house, 601 1/2 West Kentucky. This time they apparently didn't play cards, instead they

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participated in a scavenger hunt, "*The group assembled...for maps, charts and various tips for the hunt which concluded at the East Park with a wiener roast.*" Rubey and Stanley won prizes for the hunt.<sup>813</sup>

**1941:** Rubey and Stanley started the new year with a visit to the Le Jeudi Soir Club at 407 East Broadway with Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hines. It was a Dutch theme with wooden shoes, windmills and other Dutch symbols around the house. Six couple were there but the article didn't mention cards, the usual activity for this club.<sup>814</sup>

In February Rubey and Stanley went Le Jeudi Soir Club again. This time the meeting was at Floyd Wood's house, 505 West Broadway. The couples there...

- Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wood
- Mr. and Mrs. Ned King
- Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hines
- Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lytle
- Rubey and Stanley

Mrs. Haskel Roark and Vaughndean Landes were guests for a total of twelve people. They played pitch on this particular night.<sup>815</sup> The next week, Rubey went to a baby shower for Mrs. Wood.

In March, Rubey and Stanley hosted the Le Jeudi Soir Club and their house at 605 West Oklahoma. Rubey's sister Ruth was a guest. Rubey served salad after the 'table games'.<sup>816</sup>

The club met again ten days later at the Harris home at 615 West Virginia. They celebrated Ned King's birthday that evening. It was also a farewell party for King who left the next week for a position with the Department of State in Washington DC. They all played pitch; Stanley and Rubey won high. Guests were Bernice and Loren 'Doad' Helm and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Beeler.<sup>817</sup>

In early April, Rubey and Stanley went to Le Jeudi Soir at Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hines' home at 305 East Broadway. They played '42,' a bidding game played with dominoes. Seven couples were there including Rubey and Stanley.<sup>818</sup>

Rubey and Stanley hosted the Le Jeudi Soir Club at their home, 605 West Oklahoma. They played pitch and ice cream was served afterward.<sup>819</sup>

Near the end of September, Stanley and Rubey went to Le Jeudi Soir at Fred Lytle's house and played bridge with three other couples. They both won prizes.<sup>820</sup>

The October 8th meeting was at the Floyd Wood home, "*Yellow zinnias combined with orange marigolds decorated the Wood home and a Halloween motif was suggestive of the refreshment plate served at the close of the evening.*" They played 'various table games' and Stanley won one of the prizes that evening. There were five couples there.<sup>821</sup>

At the end of October, Rubey and Stanley hosted the Le Jeudi Soir Club at their home. It was a Halloween party, "*Lovely bouquets of chrysanthemums in bronze and yellow decorated the home and Halloween suggestions were used in various game appointments and on the refreshment plate served by the hostess to conclude the evening.*" Eleven people were there playing cards.<sup>822</sup>

In early December, Rubey had to skip Donnah Joe Sparks' wedding shower because of a previous commitment to Le Jeudi Soir. The club met in Ned King's home. Four couples were there.<sup>823</sup>

**1942:** Rubey and Stanley joined all the Le Jeudi Soir Club for dinner at Floyd Wood's home on January 15th. After eating, the group of twelve played pitch and Rubey won the 'traveling prize'.<sup>824</sup>

**1950:** On May Day, Rubey was a guest at the Eight-At-Two club at Mrs. Bert Temple's home. They played bridge.<sup>825</sup>

**1951:** Rubey met with the Eight-At-Two club at the Patton home, 815 West Virginia. Eight women were there and Rubey won high score.<sup>826</sup>

**1952:** In July Rubey returned to the Eight-At-Two pitch club as a guest. The afternoon game was at Mrs. Andy Allen's house at 936 SW Sunset Drive. Rubey won a prize for "...making the most bids."<sup>827</sup>

On New Years Eve, Rubey and Stanley participated in a progressive party along with the other members of the canasta club. Members who participated include...

- Rubey and Stanley Hall
- Bernice and Doad Helm
- Ruth and Bruce Dutcher
- Kate and Woody Cyrus
- Wanda and Arlie Smith

The party began at Woody and Kate Cyrus' home at 611 West Central. The group had New Year's Day breakfast at the Armstrong home, 613 West Oklahoma and a concluding dinner at the Smith home, 122 East Oklahoma.<sup>828</sup>

**1953:** Rubey was a guest player at the Eight-At-Two bridge club again in February. The club met at Mrs. Winifred Smith's home.<sup>829</sup>

Stanley and Rubey didn't stop playing cards in 1953. Instead, they played cards at home with friends. The most frequent visitors to our house for cards that I remember are...

- Ruth and Bruce Dutcher
- Kate and Woody Cyrus
- Heab and Lee Virda Armstrong
- Arlia and Wanda Smith
- Doad and Bernice Helm

We went to the Dutcher house many times for Rubey and Ruth to catch up with each other; Stanley and Bruce played a two-person game called Coon Can. They removed the face cards and used them to keep score.

According to Wikipedia, "*Conquian, Coon Can or Colonel is a rummy-style card game, quite different from any other in its principles and requiring very close attention and a good memory to play it well.*" The game originated in Mexico and was popular by the 1850s. Its popularity spread to the United States via New Mexico in about 1852.

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## Kiwanis 1942 - 1978

**1942:** Near the end of October, Stanley and Rubey attended a Halloween themed costume party at the community building sponsored by the Kiwanis club. Unfortunately, the article didn't describe their costumes. Stanley was a long-time member of Kiwanis and this is the first mention of him in Kiwanis that I found.<sup>830</sup>

**1947:** In early February, Stanley joined fifty-six other Kiwanians to endorse the charter form of government for Anadarko which would replace the mayor/council form which was being used at the time. A full-page advertisement in the Anadarko Daily news stated, "*The Kiwanis Club of Anadarko...Representing a cross-section of the workers, business owners and professional men of Anadarko, expresses its endorsement of adopting a charter form of government in next Tuesday's special city election. WE ARE GOING TO VOTE 'YES.'*"<sup>831</sup>



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Apparently, the February special election didn't pass, because Stanley appeared in another full-page ad in early August about the same issue. Almost one hundred people endorsed the election and were listed in the ad including Stanley, Carl Hall, and Raymond Brooks. This ad does a better job of addressing the questions that kept people from voting for it. Some of the more interesting questions...<sup>832</sup>

- Will we lose our rights to vote by adopting a charter?
- Will people be able to keep cows and chickens in the city as heretofore?
- What effect will it have on elderly people drawing old age pensions?

At about the same time as the Chamber of Commerce membership drive, Stanley also worked on selling tickets for the Annual Kiwanis Christmas dinner and dance, "*Tickets for the semi-formal affair may be obtained from Stanley Hall at the First State Bank or Dan Jackson at the Anadarko Bank and Trust. They must be purchased this weekend.*"<sup>833</sup>

Stanley and Rubey went to the Kiwanis dinner and dance at the community building on the 9th of December along with over a hundred others, "*The mantle was decorated with a Santa Claus and reindeer and over the mantle was a large candy cane surrounded with cedar and white bells. The Sooner Orchestra, Norman, played for the dance immediately following the dinner.*"<sup>834</sup>

In late December, E. M. Roberts was installed as the new Kiwanis president. Roberts reappointed Stanley as secretary.<sup>835</sup>

**1948:** The club celebrated its tenth anniversary with a birthday party at the community building. Harold Peters was presented a cup for "*...the Anadarko man who has done the most for youth in the past year*" Stanley and eighty-six others attended, mostly married couples. It looks like Rubey was not there for this occasion.<sup>836</sup>

**1949:** New officers were installed in early January during the annual installation banquet held at the Community building. Walter Russell replaced Stanley as the secretary. Stanley's old boss, Klon Summers led the group in singing.<sup>837</sup> Committees were announced the next week by the club and Stanley was appointed to the program committee led by Roy Young.<sup>838</sup>

**1950:** The club announced sixteen committees in early January and Stanley led the finance committee along with Tom Moran and Charles Goodwin.<sup>839</sup>

On the first of February Stanley was listed among forty-eight Kiwanians who favored passage of a \$12.5 million bond for sewage improvements.<sup>840</sup>

Kiwanians celebrated National Music Week in May. Several local talents performed at the weekly luncheon. A committee was formed to raise funds for the summer youth recreation program and Stanley was appointed as a member along with Roy Young and R. E. Rombold. Bruce Dutcher received a new-member pin.<sup>841</sup> Just a few days later, on the 15th, a tentative program was outlined for the Lions Club. Activities included play time for young children, dramatics, baseball, softball, and track. The swimming pool was also to be open. Lucille Hall directed folk and square dancing. Stanley and George Kuwitzky conducted instruction on model airplanes.<sup>842</sup>

In October, Stanley was nominated to be on the 1951 board of directors of the Kiwanis Club. Bruce Dutcher was also nominated.<sup>843</sup> Stanley was elected on November 7th.<sup>844</sup> Just a week later, he was nominated to be on the 1951 Chamber of Commerce board.

**1951:** Kiwanis officers were installed at a banquet in the basement of the Methodist church. The article is a little confusing but it appears Stanley was installed as a board member for 1951.<sup>845</sup> A few days later the club appointed committees and Stanley served on the 'Achievement reports' committee with Luther Givens and Arch Lear. He also worked with Maurice DeFord, Charley Clark and John Stalder on the finance committee. Stanley gave a report to the club at the meeting on January 9th.<sup>846</sup>

At the end of April, each of eighteen Kiwanis members took a child to the circus, "...who otherwise wouldn't have been able to go because of financial reasons." Those who participated were...<sup>847</sup>

Joel Smith	K. C. Finch	Lewis Allen	Jay Johnston
George Trotter	Arch Lear	Olen Wilson	Otis DeGraffenreid
Floyd Butler	Charles F. Goodwin	Charles R. Clark	Chuck Goodwin
Tip Couch	John Stalder	Stanley Hall	
Dr. C. R. Donley	Walter Morris	George W. Cox	

In June, Stanley was listed as a sponsor of swimming lessons for the Kiwanis club. The lessons were free for any adult or child who paid the regular entrance fee to the pool, 35 cents for adults and 15 cents for children. Harold Lane was the lifeguard.<sup>848</sup>

Near the end of July, men and women in Anadarko started to wear old fashioned headgear for the Caddo Golden Jubilee, "*Men are to wear derby hats. Women are to wear sunbonnets.*" The Kiwanis club provided the derbies for \$1 each and sunbonnets for 50 cents each. The sunbonnets were also being made by county home demonstration clubs and sold at stores. Stanley was in charge of the Kiwanis hats.<sup>849</sup>

Stanley was in charge of the program for the September 25th regular Kiwanis luncheon. He invited some of the members of the Anadarko Future Farmers of America to talk about their recent trip to the national barrow show in Austin, Minnesota, "*Jimmy Wall told of the trip to and from Austin while Mack Turley explained the prizes won by their exhibits.*" Tom Duffey was the FFA instructor.<sup>850</sup>

At the end of October, Kiwanians were busy finalizing a Halloween event. Judges were chosen for the costume contest which was held on the courthouse lawn...<sup>851</sup>

<u>Judge</u>	<u>Division</u>
Floyd Butler.....	Animal costumes
Henry Hall .....	Hobos
Reverend Paul Kearns ....	Ghosts
Stanley Hall .....	Skeletons
Dr. Marvin Jared .....	Devils
Pete Gillette .....	Witches
Chuck Goodwin .....	Clowns

After the costume contest, the children paraded from the courthouse through the downtown area ending at the community building where a carnival was held. A sock hop for high school students was held in the armory at the end of West Oklahoma Street where we lived. Stanley was one of the four people on the committee that planned the costume judging.<sup>852</sup>

In early November, Waldo Zerger was elected president. Stanley was one of five directors who went off the board in 1952.<sup>853</sup>

In November the club voted unanimously to support a \$150,000 bond issue to improve the schools in Anadarko. Stanley requested the vote as the club representative on the bond steering committee. Stanley had consulted with the school board as a member of the community earlier in the year.<sup>854 855</sup>

**1952:** In January Stanley was appointed chair of Achievement reports. Bruce Dutcher resigned from the club and someone else was to be elected chair of the sergeant-at-arms committee.<sup>856</sup>

In February, Kiwanians joined the Chamber of Commerce, Lions and Rotary to serve lunch at the second annual dairy clinic at the armory. Over 1,200 attended the 1951 clinic. Stanley served on the barbecue committee chaired by Ray Hollar.<sup>857</sup>

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In March the Kiwanis and Lions Club's held a basketball game at the armory to benefit the March of Dimes. Stanley participated as a guard.<sup>858</sup>

In May Kiwanians heard a talk by Vernon Martin regarding the swimming pool. Kiwanis was a fun club and they teased each other especially at meetings like this one where no visitors were present. After the president introduced Vernon, he was not met with thundering applause, but a single clap here and there around the room. The club continued traditions like this one into the 1970s and 1980s when I was an active member. Martin told the members that the pool was ready to be opened. Stanley and Pete Gillett worked with Martin on the committee.<sup>859</sup> I know from first-hand experience that it took a lot of work to get the pool ready for the season. When I first started there in about 1961, Mike Dutcher was in charge and I remember some of the key steps for the summer opening...

- Clean the grease off the slide, carry it upstairs and bolt it down
- Scrape the paint from the pool and deck area
- Repaint everything with sand-infused paint to make non-slip surfaces
- Use stencils to paint warning signs -- no running, no diving, etc.
- Disinfect the dressing rooms top to bottom
- Clean front area and replace missing items as needed
- Order and hook up chlorine tanks
- Fill the pool with water
- Replace broken window panes
- Install the diving board
- ...and more

The pool was operated by Kiwanis and they charged 15 cents for children up to 12 years old and 35 cents to all others. Children's season tickets were available at \$3.00 for twenty-five swims and adults paid \$5.00 for twenty swims.

In November, Stanley was elected to the Kiwanis board along with Reverend Paul Kearns, R. N. Wall, Oris Barney, Maurice DeFord, Frank Elkouri and Leslie Smith, Jr.<sup>860</sup>

**1953:** Stanley was installed as a member of the board of directors at the annual banquet in early January. He also received a pin for three years of perfect attendance. Over two hundred people attended the party at the community building. Opal Myers, who would become my sixth-grade teacher a few years later, was recognized by the club for "...*outstanding work among the youth of Anadarko*."<sup>861</sup> Later in January the club organized itself into committees. Stanley was the chair of 'achievement reports' along with Chuck Goodwin.<sup>862</sup>

The club made a plea for lifeguards before the opening of the pool for the summer. Three additional life guards were needed in order to open the pool on Memorial Day. Bill Malone "...*urged any qualified youths interested in serving as lifeguard at the pool to contact him at Ph. 889-M or Stanley Hall*."<sup>863</sup>

In September, Stanley was named one of the directors of the club. "*Early election of officers was conducted this year to enable the new president to attend the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis club convention in Houston on October 11 and 12*."<sup>864</sup>

Just after Christmas, Stanley was named as the co-chair of the finance and membership committee. He also sat on the agriculture committee.<sup>865</sup>

**1954:** The annual Kiwanis installation banquet was held at the community building early in January. It was 'ladies' night.' Stanley was installed as a member of the board along with A. V. Beverage, Frank Elkouri, Bill McDuffey, Joel Smith, Bert Temple and Lloyd Yarbrough.<sup>866</sup>

**1955:** Early in February, the Kiwanis and Lions clubs played wheelchair basketball against the Aggie Wheels, a group of disabled veterans, "It was a crushing game from the beginning to end. Robin Dean, local sub for the Kiwanians, tipped over backwards in his chair trying to manage the ball." The local players lost 34 to 10, "*The score board showed the Kiwanians made 10 points; however, these points were not made until the closing moments of the game when the Wheels began to slow down.*" The Kiwanis team consisted of...<sup>867</sup>

Vernon Martin	Bert Temple
Ty Yount	C. R. Donley
Jim Fitzgerald	Robin Dean
K. C. Finch	Bob Wall
George Salamy	Stanley Hall

The proceeds were divided between local underprivileged children and the Aggie Wheels.<sup>868</sup>

The Kiwanis pancake day was an event that extended even to my time in Kiwanis during the 1970s. In 1955 it was much bigger. The club served 650 people in April, "*The funds raised through such activities are used for Kids Day, to help buy glasses or shoes for children unable to get them and to promote activities beneficial to the youth of the town.*" Stanley and thirteen others served tables.<sup>869</sup>

The club had a fun rule that you had to wear your Kiwanis button during the meeting. In July, Stanley was one of those designated to enforce this rule, "*Walter Morris found out the price he had to pay to talk to little Carol Sue Botone. During a club luncheon Tuesday Walter became so engrossed in speaking with the lovely little girl that when Jim Halbert and Stanley Hall came round looking for club buttons, Walter was asked where his was. He said I don't have it--took a dime out of his pocket--paid the fine and kept on talking. After the meal Walter realized what he had done because all the time he had his button on...*"<sup>870</sup>

In September, Victor Paddlelty reported on swimming lessons at the local pool, "*In spite of a cool summer, especially for swimming, there were a total of 206 in the beginners, intermediate and advanced classes. Out of this number, 122 passed the required tests...*"<sup>871</sup> I was among those beginners who took classes from Victor. I remember swimming the distance across the pool while one of the lifeguards watched, a requirement for crossing under the rope into the deep end. At the same meeting, Stanley was nominated for the Kiwanis board of directors.<sup>872</sup>

**1956:** The Kiwanis club hosted a career day at Anadarko High School in March, "*It is another civic service the Kiwanis club gives the young people in the area.*" Panels were held in a variety of areas including...<sup>873</sup>

Civil Service	Stenographer	Salesmanship
Military	Construction	Accounting
Mechanic	Engineering	
Nursing	Farming & Ranching	

Stanley coordinated the session on the military at the junior high auditorium where eighty junior and senior students planned to attend.

In August, Stanley played a trick on Bert Temple, "*Stanley Hall did his best to give Bert Temple competition during the Kiwanis luncheon Tuesday, and he did, too. While Bert was giving a talk Stanley was smoking a cigar. The more he smoked the longer the ashes got on his stogie. Finally, more people were watching Stanley than were listening to Bert wondering when the ashes were going to fall. It seems Stanley had straightened a paper clip and stuck it in his cigar for that longer ash effect...*"<sup>874</sup>

Stanley sold tickets for a Kiwanis show in December, "*Incidentally: ...A man doesn't have a chance selling tickets, trees or anything else any more. A fellow called on Stanley Hall and Dail*

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*Pugh the other day selling Jaycee Christmas trees. Stanley and Dail bought the tree all right, but the fellow also bought a minstrel show ticket from them too, at the same price...*<sup>875</sup> The show opened on December 13th and Stanley was in the chorus, *"Some of Anadarko's most handsome actors and world famous in this Indian Capital World for their exploits in show business make up the chorus."*<sup>876</sup>

The day after the musical opened, A. V. Beverage, president, announced that the club would build a museum at Indian City, *"Indian City will operate the museum when it is completed. Those in charge said they hope to have the museum and chapel in operation sometime in 1957. We are especially proud of John Stalder and Stanley Hall for their provisions and efforts and to all club members for their cooperation on this project."* An old church bell ...*"brought to this country by the late Rev. S. V. Fait..."* and donated by Mrs. Fait was put on top of museum.<sup>877</sup>

**1957:** In early March the club served pancakes to 400 people. Bert Temple sold the most tickets and was crowned 'Pancake King' by Stanley and Walter Morris.<sup>878</sup>

In April, the club, including Stanley, expressed their support for purchasing water from Fort Cobb Lake.

The annual Kiwanis installation banquet was held on New Year's Eve in the Green room of the First Christian church. The club had sixty members in 1957, a net increase of seven over 1956. Thirty members received perfect attendance pins and Stanley received one for seven years of perfect attendance.<sup>879</sup>

**1958:** In May, the club started selling season tickets to the swimming pool. A ticket book worth twenty admissions cost \$5, \$3 for children under 12 years old. A new chlorinator was installed this year and Clarence Thompson continued as the pool manager for the summer. The pool committee was...<sup>880</sup>

John Stalder, Chair

Jim Britt

Bert Temple

Harold Nehrenz

Stanley Hall

Stanley's school board bosses came to Kiwanis in September, *"Incidentally: It was school day at the Kiwanis club yesterday, with Anadarko Superintendent B. F. Johnson as the speaker, school board vice president Bill McDuffey as program chairman, school board clerk Stanley Hall, Riverside Superintendent Albert Pyles and Riverside Student Irvin Baldwin attentive listeners."*<sup>881</sup>

At the end of the year, Bill McDuffey was named the new president at the annual banquet held at the Kiowa Lodge of Riverside Indian School; Stanley got a pin for nine years of perfect attendance.<sup>882</sup>

**1959:** The club announced the swimming pool opening in late May; committed members were: John Stalder, chair, J. E. Britt, Bert Temple, Stanley Hall and Peyton Hall. Season tickets for children were \$3 for twenty-five swims; adults were \$5 for twenty swims. Phillip Melton and Jerry First were the lifeguards and Clarence Thompson continued as the manager.<sup>883</sup>

In June, Stanley was the 'mystery man' at the Kiwanis meeting. The mystery man is a secret person who holds a 'mystery dollar' to encourage the members to greet everyone in the room, *"Incidentally: Jim Britt should have brought his adding machine to the Kiwanis club meeting. He appointed Stanley Hall as the mystery man and told him the mystery dollar would go to the 11th man to shake hands with him. Britt miscounted and was number 12. Waldo Zerger got the dollar."*<sup>884</sup>

In October, Chuck Goodwin was elected Kiwanis president for 1960. Stanley was elected to the board along with Jim Britt, Woody Cyrus, Gayle Gerard, Lloyd Mitchell, Albert Pyles and Bert Temple.<sup>885</sup> It was a busy time for Stanley as he was elected to the Chamber board a week



later.<sup>886</sup> Stanley was installed at the late December Kiwanis banquet held in the Green Room of the First Methodist church.<sup>887</sup>

**1960:** There was more fun controversy over the mystery dollar in April, *"When Leon Askren became the umpteenth man to win the 'mystery man' dollar at the Kiwanis club meeting Tuesday only to find no dollar was available because no one was fined, Stanley Hall made a motion, which was unanimously approved, that the club put up the dollar from its treasury. Immediately cries went up from all those who had failed to collect in the past. 'Let's make that retroactive.'"*<sup>888</sup>

Stanley served on the Kiwanis board in early November when Paul Bailey was elected president.<sup>889</sup> Bailey was my principal at Sunset grade school, a really kind, gentle man who remembered my name years later.

**1961:** In the midst of organizing the Chamber committees, Stanley was named to the stage committee for the upcoming minstrel show. It was perhaps a relatively low-stress position; he served on the committee with George Hector, Rick Harper and Harold Nehrenz.<sup>890</sup>

**1963:** The club was recognized for 25 years of service in February and Stanley appeared among the list of over fifty current members.<sup>891</sup>

Stanley continued his participation in Kiwanis well past 1963 but at some point, lost interest. When the membership was down in the 1970s, I joined and Stanley started attending again. His presence brought back some of the previous members such as J. E. Britt, Howard Hamilton and Victor Paddelty.

In a 1980 interview for the church newsletter, he claimed 20 years of perfect attendance at Kiwanis.<sup>892</sup>

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## OCW Alumni 1951 - 1962

**1936:** In August, Rubey entertained friends from OCW at breakfast, *"Miss Eloise Penoi, Miss Louise Lancaster and Miss Abbie Lee Parrish were her guests. The four were classmates and close friends when they attended Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha."*<sup>893</sup>

**1937:** At the end of June, Rubey and Louise Lancaster went to Chickasha for a visit.<sup>894</sup> This was probably a visit to see friends as there are no publicized events at OCW and the article doesn't specify a reason for the visit.

**1938:** Just a day or two after Rubey met with the Rose Unit at Mary's house, there was an alumnae exercise at OCW in Chickasha; The article doesn't say that Rubey attended, just that she was one of twenty graduates who lived in Anadarko.<sup>895</sup>

**1940:** At the end of September, Rubey, Stanley and Lynn were guests of Julia Lee Hawkins, dean of students at OCW. Louise [Lancaster] Bass, her husband Bill and their son Kent also were there.<sup>896</sup> Dean Hawkins came to Chickasha from Kentucky to be teacher at OCW. In about 1923 she became dean of students, *"Miss Hawkins is one of those faculty members who represent what the college really is, it's impossible to think of her in terms of a symbol. Miss Hawkins is far too much an individual to be fitted into any niche."*<sup>897</sup> She lived at 1717 Grand in Chickasha. I don't know exactly why Rubey and Stanley were invited; perhaps they met when Hawkins spoke at the American Association of University Women at the American Legion Hall in Anadarko.<sup>898</sup>

**1948:** In March, Rubey and Jean [Richey] Gates were co-hostesses for a reunion of the OCW class of 1932 and pot luck supper in the basement of the Masonic temple. It was the fourth reunion of the class.<sup>899</sup>

**1951:** In 1951 Rubey gave information to the college for her permanent alumnae file. She gave Ruth Dutcher as the person who would know her location at any time. In October, Rubey

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met with a group of OCW alumnae in Fort Cobb to organize a Caddo county OCW club. Officers were selected and leaders were chosen from each town to help the officers of the group.<sup>900</sup>

**1962:** The OCW annual luncheon was planned for April in the ballroom of the student union. Rubey and Pauline Christian planned to attend according to the newspaper.<sup>901</sup>

Rubey kept up with OCW and responded to requests for donations in 1976 and 1982. She included personal information for the campus newsletter...

- In 1976, "[I have] 4 boys -- grown, married with families. Love visits from grandchildren (have seven)"
- She donated \$25 in 1982, "I retired from the Dept of Human Services after 17 years. I must say I love retirement. I'm sorry not to be able to attend homecoming."

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## Other Clubs 1937 - 1964

**1937:** In March, Stanley and 19 others joined Knights of Pythias at the I.O.O.F. hall in Anadarko.<sup>902</sup> A membership drive was mentioned in the Anadarko Daily News in February and another article indicates that this was additional members to the existing Lodge Number 45 in Anadarko.<sup>903</sup> There were several articles about the initiation, but not all of them include Stanley as a new member. A week later, the group organized themselves...

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|---|---|
| • Prelate, Brewster McFadyen              | • Master at arms, R. H. Davis           |
| • Master of works, Stanley Hall           | • Inner guard, Forrest Hasbrook         |
| • Keeper of records & seals, Perry Corbin | • Outer guard, Dean Williams,           |
| • Master of exchequer, Jim Pieratt        | • Grand representative, Ralph Cleveland |

This club didn't appear to be very successful in Anadarko as I didn't find many other mentions of the Anadarko group after Stanley's initiation in March 1937. By 1940, there were no mentions in the Anadarko newspapers.<sup>904</sup>

The Knights of Pythias or K.P. is a secret fraternal organization founded in 1864. The group helps victims of disasters, provides scholarships, and conducts blood drives & highway safety programs. According to Wikipedia, members must be 18 years old and agree, "*I declare upon honor that I believe in a Supreme Being, that I am not a professional gambler, or unlawfully engaged in the wholesale or retail sale of intoxicating liquors or narcotics, and that I believe in the maintenance of the order and the upholding of constituted authority in the government in which I live. Moreover, I declare upon honor that I am not a Communist or Fascist; that I do not advocate nor am I a member of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the Country of which I am a Citizen, by force or violence or other unlawful means; and that I do not seek by force or violence to deny to other persons their rights under the laws of such country.*"<sup>905</sup>

**1945:** In late April, Rubey went to the Business and Professional Women Club for a Mother's Day tea at the community building. It was a fairly large affair with 50 people present and a diverse program of singing, piano solos, poetry, "*The feature for the program was a book review given by Mrs. May Burwell. She reviewed 'Young Bess' by Erwin, the story of young Queen Elizabeth.*"<sup>906</sup> The article doesn't name members and guests separately but I suspect Rubey was a guest.

**1950:** It was an unusual event in May when Rubey, Ruth and Isa were initiated into the Eastern Star by their sister Myrtle. Myrtle was the worthy matron of the Apache chapter. The

Anadarko chapter closed their meeting early, *"...most of the members present went to Apache for the initiation of three sisters..."*<sup>907</sup>

In December, Stanley was appointed to the auditing committee of the Anadarko Masonic Lodge.<sup>908</sup>

**1951:** Rubey paid Eastern Star dues of \$1.60 for at least this year, but I don't know that she was active in the organization.

**1952:** In December 1952, a DeMolay chapter was organized in Anadarko and Stanley was one of ten Masons on the advisory council that worked for several months to get the chapter started. Twenty-five boys including Lynn and Harold Lane were initiated.<sup>909</sup>

There was a chapter organized in 1922 that must have gone out of existence at some time. Stanley's brother, Lewis, was one of the original members of the 1922 chapter and was the 1st Preceptor.<sup>910</sup> This chapter was having trouble as early as 1924 when the group met in April, *"...for the purpose of reorganizing their order. All old members are urged to be present."*<sup>911</sup>

**1953:** In April, the Delphian Study club held its fourth annual guest day luncheon at the country club. Rubey was one of thirty-nine guests who attended; there were seventeen members there.<sup>912</sup>

**1954:** In March, Rubey went to the Philomathic Annual Guest Day. The event featured a play called 'Xingu' and ninety-five people attended.<sup>913</sup>

On April 1st, Rubey and June Lane joined seventy others at the Annual Sorosis Breakfast at the country club.<sup>914</sup>

**1958:** Rubey attended the Philomathic guest day tea at the Christian church in March. Over one hundred people went to the meeting and heard Lorraine Kent, president of the ninth district, talk about her trip to the Holy Land and Spain.<sup>915</sup> Rubey returned to the Green room of the Christian church a week later for the Delphian style show.<sup>916</sup>

In April Rubey went to the Sorosis club guest breakfast at the First Methodist church. The Fellowship Hall was decorated in a 'cruise' theme; Mrs. Haslam showed slides of her recent cruise to the Caribbean aboard the 'Queen of Bermuda.' Sixty-seven members and guests were there; Rubey was a guest of the club.<sup>917</sup>

There was a second Philomathic guest day tea in November and Rubey attended. The program was about travel in South America and there was a style show. This tea was almost as successful as the one in March with almost one hundred people in attendance.<sup>918</sup>

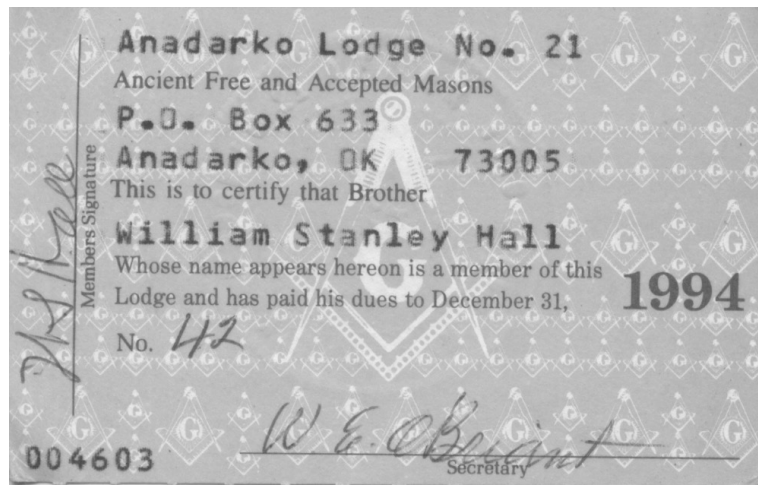
**1963:** The Delphian Club held a reception to honor junior high and high school teachers at the school cafeteria in November. Rubey and ninety other people attended including teachers, principals and parents.<sup>919</sup>

**1964:** Rubey attended the Delphian Club reception for teachers again this year. My old junior high principal, Victor 'Flash' Heusel, was in the reception line.<sup>920</sup>

**1980:** The June church newsletter indicates that Rubey was a member of the Delphian Study Club.<sup>921</sup>

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**1994:** Stanley continued to be a member of the Anadarko Lodge of the Masons.



**Figure 204: Masonic Lodge Membership Card  
Masons Membership Card**

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Stanley and Rubey were mentioned in connection with their work over a hundred times in public records. Stanley got more mentions after he took on more responsibility at the bank and the savings and loan. Work activities for both of them consisted mostly of holiday parties.

	Documented Work Activities			
	Rubey	Stanley	Both	Total
County Treasurer's	0	10	1	11
First State Bank	0	40	8	48
Savings & Loan	0	39	1	40
Jack & Jill Kindergarten	11	0	0	11
Welfare Department	8	0	0	8
<b>Total</b>	19	89	10	118

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## Deputy County Treasurer 1936 - 1941

Stanley continued to work at the treasurer's office for 5 years after they were married. In August 1936 he got a \$15 raise up to \$90 per month.

**1936:** Stanley was reportedly too sick to work on October 23rd.<sup>922</sup>

**1937:** Stanley and his coworker were mentioned in a newspaper article called 'Hardly News' in April, "*Stanley Hall and Jim Pieratt, of the courthouse gang, are riding bicycles this spring, but the stores are not contemplating any great sale of these contraptions to result.*"<sup>923</sup>

In the summer, Stanley played left field for the county softball team when they played a 'feud' game with the Anadarko city employees, "*Some indiscreet employee at the courthouse challenged the city hall gang to a softball game and they answered the challenge by defeating the county group 20 to 15 in nine innings of play Thursday night under the floodlights in Randlett park.*"<sup>924</sup> There was a lot of trash talk on both sides, "*City hall supporters threw accusations of going professional, and of creating a position for a county barber in order to recruit two rank outsiders for the county team. It was pointed out that Charley Howard, one of the county recruits, was indirectly connected with the courthouse, by virtue of his work with legal records, but no accounting could be given by the presence of Birl Killian, who barbers for a livelihood.*" Despite their win, there were injuries on the city team, "*...that threatened to retire the police force for several days. Chief Fred Grimes, who stopped balls in the short field, and insisted on batting with a two-by-four, came out with a swollen and stiff little finger, and Charlie Lawter lost a two-inch square of skin from his right knee, and the same amount of cloth from his trousers.*"<sup>925</sup>

The county gave raises to everyone in the treasurer's office at the beginning of the fiscal year; Stanley got an increase from \$90 to \$96.



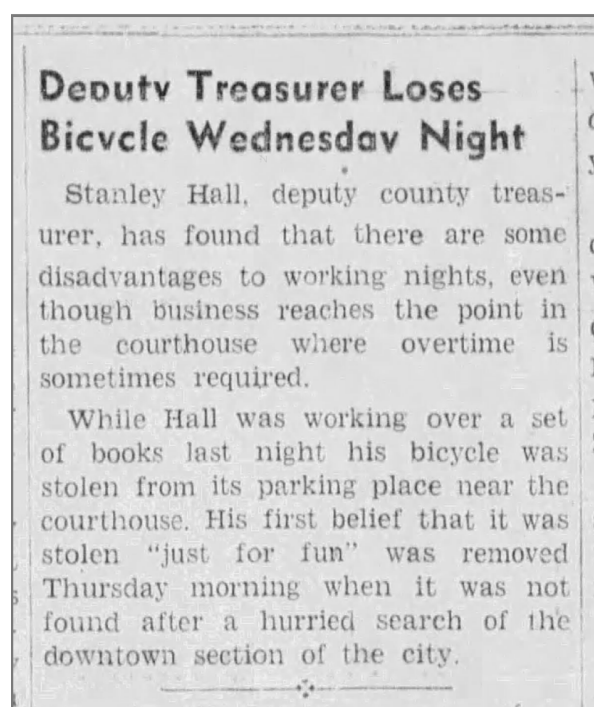
**1938:** Employees at the courthouse had a Christmas party at the fairgrounds on December 23rd. They played games and skated. It was a pretty big party with 70 people attending.<sup>926</sup>

**1939:** In June, Stanley and Rubey entered their son, Lynn, into a contest at the state fair seeking the title of Oklahoma's healthiest baby, "*Courthouse News: We have entered our Court House babies, Bobby Helm and Stanley Lynn Hall in the State Fair. And we think we are going to bring home the ribbons.*"<sup>927</sup> Doad and Bernice Helm were family friends and came to our house for card games quite a lot when I was young.

In July, Stanley was reappointed deputy for C. W. Hildebrand, the county treasurer.<sup>928</sup>

In September it was reported that Stanley lost his bicycle at work, "*Stanley Hall, deputy county treasurer, has found that there are some disadvantages to working nights, even though business reaches the point in the courthouse where overtime is sometimes required.*"<sup>929</sup>

**1940:** Apparently Stanley got another bicycle. His transportation was mentioned again in January, "*Ben C. Loomis, manager of Stephenson-Browne Lumber Company, may join the ranks of Jim Pieratt, George Rosser, Stanley Hall and Truman 'Butch' Melton in bicycling his*



**Figure 205: Stanley's Bicycle Stolen**

*way around town since he won the bicycle given away by the L. & H. Service Station.*"<sup>930</sup>

In July of 1940, his boss, Mr. Hildebrand was beaten by Bob Goodfellow in an election and Goodfellow took over the following July.

Stanley's work was stressful with long hours, "*There was finally five of us, but when I started only four of us. My job was to take care of all that distribution of all this money. I had to go out and help collect it and make statements. We'd work in the county treasurer's office and we'd tend to go to work at six, six thirty, in the morning. So, we worked until one or two in the morning every night. Weekends were about the only time we had off.*" Stanley was already looking to change jobs, "*I'd put in for a civil service job at the post office.*"<sup>931</sup> His search ended when Neil Dikeman hired him to work at the First State Bank. Another factor for Stanley's move was a change in the County Treasurer when Mr. Hildebrand lost the election to Bob Goodfellow.<sup>932</sup> It seems normal in politics that

personnel would change with a new boss; in fact, the entire staff turned over, "*Truman Melton, first deputy in the county treasurer's office, today resigned and began work for the Traders Compress at Anadarko. Melton, a veteran in the treasurer's office was the last member of C. W. Hildebrand's staff that remained in the office when Robert L. Goodfellow took over last Monday.*"<sup>933</sup> Based on her interview of Stanley, Polly Hall puts it this way, "*Mr. Hildenbrand was defeated by Bob Goodfellow and Stanley refused to work for him because he was trying to steal Rubey away.*"<sup>934</sup> I never heard that story. It may have been something from the past, but Rubey and Stanley had been married for 5 years when Bob Goodfellow won this election.

**1944:** Even years after going to work at First State Bank, Stanley continued to do occasional work for the county on a project basis.<sup>935 936</sup>

## First State Bank 1941 - 1963

**1941:** Stanley found a new job, *"So things got straightened up [at the treasurer's office] and then we had a bank closing in Anadarko. Mr. Dikeman came up and asked me one time if I wanted to work at the bank and after that I said yes. When I got the job, I went from \$176.50 a month down to \$100 a month just to get out of politics and to work in the bank."*<sup>937</sup> According to Polly Hall, *"He was promised a raise in six months if he could master the books, (the general ledger) in six months. He said he had it down in three days and still didn't get the raise. At the end of a year, he got a \$5.00 raise."*<sup>938</sup> I think the salaries that Polly quoted probably include overtime as there is quite a lot of evidence that he spent long hours working for the county. The bank closing in Anadarko had an impact on him and he advised me, *"Never put a closed sign on your door because that can cause a run on the bank. For example, if it is a holiday your sign should say 'Open Tuesday Merry Christmas' and never 'Closed for Christmas' because people will only see 'Closed' and panic."*

Stanley's first day at the bank was January 27th. John Stalder replaced him at Treasurer's office.<sup>939</sup> His salary at the county was apparently paid in arrears because of the need to claim the salary and then wait until the next commissioners meeting for approval. So, he drew two salaries for two months and claimed \$200 for an audit he did in September.

**1942:** In the June 30th bank statement published in the newspaper, Stanley was listed as one of the officers and directors of the bank, but didn't specify his title.<sup>940</sup>

**1943:** On July 12th, banking hours changed in Anadarko, *"Both the First State Bank and Anadarko Bank and Trust employees today began enjoying their extra hour of sleep in the morning with the two firms opening their new 10 a. m. starting time..."*<sup>941</sup> Ten days later the 'Incidentally' column reported, *"Stanley Hall is worried more now about getting to work by 10 a.m. than he was when starting time was 9 o'clock."*

In November Stanley had a day off, *"A bank holiday today and Chuck Rutterford and Stanley Hall both put on work clothes for a change..."*<sup>942</sup>

**1944:** Stanley and Rubey went to picnic supper with others from the bank in September, *"The employees of the First State bank enjoyed a hamburger supper at McClure's farm Friday night, when they entertained the members of their families at the picnic supper and social hour."*<sup>943</sup> This list of people at the picnic includes Truman Melton, who was Stanley's classmate in high school and coworker at the courthouse.

**1945:** In March, Stanley signed the bank financial statements as its Cashier.<sup>944</sup> He was also the cashier who signed the June and December statements.<sup>945 946</sup>

In early December, Neil Dikeman and his wife treated the bank employees to a Christmas dinner at the Rock Castle. Traditional turkey was served, *"The table was centered with a poinsettia with nandina berries and foliage. The Christmas motif was used throughout the room."* Those who attended...<sup>947</sup>

Rubey and Stanley Hall	Mrs. Imogene Dixon	Miss Lois Braden
Truman and Penny Melton	Mrs. Frances Wright	Mr. and Mrs. Neil Dikeman
Mr. and Mrs. Arrington	Mrs. Carl Stewart	

**1946:** Stanley continued to sign the bank financial statements as it's cashier in June, September and December.<sup>948 949 950</sup>

In August, the county commissioners approved Stanley's claim number 271 for \$100, probably for an audit of the treasurer's office. It was classified as 'general government'.<sup>951</sup>

Stanley and Rubey went to the bank Christmas dinner at the Rock Castle Cafe. The employees presented the Dikemans with a gift. Interestingly, Margaret Ann Oelke and Carl

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Ellison were at the party; they married about two months later.<sup>952 953</sup> Carl and Margaret Ann attended our church.

**1947:** Stanley signed the bank financial statements as 'Cashier' in June, October and December.<sup>954 955 956</sup> The bank sent Christmas greetings through a newspaper advertisement and Stanley again was mentioned as the cashier.<sup>957</sup>

**1948:** Stanley continued to sign the published bank statements as its cashier in April, June, and December.<sup>958 959 960</sup>

Stanley was listed on the bank Christmas greeting published in the paper on December 22nd.<sup>961</sup>

**1949:** Stanley signed bank statements as the cashier in April, June, November, and December.

Stanley was listed as Cashier at the bank along with the other officers...<sup>962</sup>

R. Kearse ..... President  
N. J. Dikeman ..... Vice President  
J. A. Willard ..... Vice President  
B. W. Hammert ..... Vice President  
W. S. Hall ..... Cashier  
Truman Melton ..... Assistant Cashier  
George Kuwitzky Jr. .... Teller

Roumaine Kearse was the daughter of Mr. Kearse who gave Stanley advice twenty-five years earlier about how to get a job at the bank by studying and working hard.

**1950:** In February, Stanley was among several local bankers who attended the annual Oklahoma Bankers Association convention in Clinton. Stanley, Truman Melton and Neil Dikeman went.<sup>963</sup>

Stanley signed the published financial statements as the bank cashier in April, June and October.<sup>964 965 966</sup>

In December, Stanley was named on the bank Christmas greeting as the cashier.<sup>967</sup>

**1951:** Over the George Washington birthday holiday, Stanley went to the annual bankers' convention in Chickasha. Neil Dikeman, Truman Melton and George Kuwitzky also attended from the bank.<sup>968</sup>

The bank placed an advertisement in the August 5th paper as a tribute to Caddo county pioneers during the 50th anniversary of the county.<sup>969</sup> Stanley was listed as cashier.

The Dikemans entertained employees again at the Rock Castle Cafe. Before dinner the group went to the Dikemans' home at 810 West Virginia to give them a gift. Those who went were...<sup>970</sup>

Rubey and Stanley Hall	Byron and Joanne Atchley
Truman and Penny Melton	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cyrus
Mr. and Mrs. Talmer Arrington	Mrs. Frances Wright
Mr. and Mrs. Leland Schoonover	Miss Patricia Gillette

Stanley signed financial statements for the bank as its cashier in April,<sup>971</sup> June,<sup>972</sup> October<sup>973</sup> and December.<sup>974</sup> He also appeared on the December 23rd Christmas greeting as cashier.<sup>975</sup>

*"Ted Jones started to walk into the First State Bank the other day and thought a bank robbery was in progress. He saw a big box in the middle of the floor and a lot of men wearing derby hats. Stanley Hall had brought the box (full of jubilee derby hats) to the bank and the men were merely trying them on..."*<sup>976</sup> The hats were a project of the Kiwanis club to promote the Caddo Golden Jubilee scheduled for later that summer.<sup>977</sup>

**1952:** A group of bankers from both banks, First State and Bank and Trust went to the district bankers' convention in Duncan in February. Stanley & Rubey, along with Truman & Penny Melton and Byron and Joanne Atchley represented First State Bank.<sup>978</sup>

It must have been a good year for the bank; Neil Dikeman held the employee Christmas dinner at the country club this year. After dinner, the group danced. Those attending...<sup>979</sup>

Stanley and Rubey Hall

Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Ash

Truman and Penny Melton

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Dikeman

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Schoonover

Patricia Gillette

Mr. and Mrs. Talmer Arrington

George Kuwitzky

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cyrus

Doris Shoptaw

Gene and Joane Smith

Stanley got a promotion after over ten years at the bank. Starting in March, he signed published bank statements and the Christmas greeting as 'vice president and cashier.'<sup>980 981 982 983</sup>

Stanley and Truman Melton attended the organizational meeting of the American Institute of Banking school in Chickasha.<sup>984</sup>

*"Incidentally...That 9 by 12-foot Christmas picture inside the First State Bank was put up by Chester Allen, semi-professional carpenter. An effort by Stanley Hall, amateur carpenter, didn't quite work out in the first try..."*<sup>985</sup>

**1953:** At the January board meeting, Neil Dikeman announced that "...Stanley Hall has been advanced from the positions of vice president-cashier to vice president and Truman Melton, assistant cashier, has been advanced to cashier."<sup>986</sup>

Including both banks, a total of sixteen people went to the district banker's convention in Lawton at the end of February. Among those who went from First State Bank...<sup>987</sup>

- June Stonum
- Truman and Penny Melton
- Stanley and Rubey Hall
- Kate and Woody Cyrus
- Elizabeth and Raymond Green

*"Incidentally: Just in case Cashier Truman Melton wonders why Vice Presidents N. J. Dikeman and Stanley Hall didn't show up for the morning District Bankers convention session: Melton supposedly set the after-hour depository time clock at the First State Bank for 9 a.m. Monday when he went to the Lawton convention on Sunday. Dikeman and Hall waited impatiently through Monday morning for the depository vault to open. They're still wondering for which day at 9 am. Melton set the clock..."*<sup>988</sup>

Stanley signed the bank financial statements as its vice president in April,<sup>989</sup> June,<sup>990</sup> September<sup>991</sup> and December.<sup>992</sup> He was also mentioned on the bank Christmas greeting as a vice president.<sup>993</sup>

After closing on June 24th, the First State Bank was robbed, "Law enforcement officers Thursday pressed their search for a lone gunman who strode boldly into the back door of the First State Bank here, Held Vice President Neil Dikeman at gunpoint, and escaped with more than \$7,000 in cash and checks."

According to Dikeman, "He came in the back door, which had been unlocked for only about five minutes and walked behind the counter, which was unusual for most visitors. I thought I knew him at

first but as he approached, I saw differently, but still figured he was a bank customer. He walked up to me and shoved a brown sack toward the desk and said, 'This is it.' And when I started to kid him as though it were a joke, he pulled a nickel-plated revolver and said, 'I mean

**Bank Robber Still At Large;  
Loss Is Set At \$7,745 Here**

**Figure 206: Bank Robbery**

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*it!" Dikeman opened a desk drawer with about \$300 in it but the robber wanted to go to the vault, "After reaching the vault, I told him all the money was under time locks. He replied he didn't think so and told me he'd give me to the count of ten to get him some money. I had a small safe open by the count of six. The gun he was holding kept jabbing me nervously in my back. He made me lie down again as he went out of the vault and locked the door."*<sup>994</sup>

Stanley Hall said, *"...the clock that normally locked the safe at 5:45 was running a few minutes slow -- a lucky break for the robber. The bank usually closes about 2 p.m., but officials sometimes work late, especially towards the end of the month. The bandit may have been somebody who knows how we operate."*<sup>995</sup>

By the end of June, the FBI had identified June Hayward Stephens of Binger as a suspect and a warrant for his arrest was issued.<sup>996 997</sup> Stephens was captured in Kingman, Arizona, a few days later on June 6th.<sup>998</sup> Stephens pleaded guilty late in September and was sentenced to twenty-five years in prison.<sup>999</sup>

Just before Christmas, Stanley and Rubey went to the bank Christmas party at the country club, *"The evening was spent dancing and singing Christmas carols."*<sup>1000</sup>

**1954:** Stanley signed bank statements as its vice president in April, June, October and December.<sup>1001 1002 1003 1004</sup> He was also mentioned on the Christmas greeting as the bank's vice president.<sup>1005</sup>

In January, the bank's charter was extended to 2004, *"Officials of the First State Bank of Anadarko are looking at one another with the unspoken question, 'Will you be here?'"* I think Stanley was the only bank officer still alive in 2004. At the annual stockholders meeting officers were also elected...<sup>1006</sup>

Roumaine Kearse, president

Daniel Vollmer, director

Neil Dikeman, active vice president

Oris L. Barney, director

J. A. Willard, vice president

Asa Jenkins, director

B. W. Hammert, vice president

Dr. J. B. Miles, director

Stanley Hall, vice president

Tom Bassett, director

Truman Melton, cashier

The bank also increased its capital stock from \$25,000 to \$50,000 in line with normal practice. Stanley was mentioned as one of the officers of the bank.<sup>1007</sup>

In early April, Stanley and Neil Dikeman traveled to Hobart for the Federal Reserve board forum.<sup>1008</sup>

Stanley and Rubey must have had a vacation during May. At the end of May, the newspaper reported through its 'Incidentally' column, *"...Co-workers of Stanley Hall say he's returned to his desk after a week's vacation, but hasn't started working yet."*

**1955:** *"Incidentally...Stanley Hall said the new First State Bank is really beautiful, but stated he never expected to see so many people as he saw there yesterday. In fact, Stanley said they were walking on top of each other."*<sup>1009</sup>

In January, Stanley was reelected vice president of the bank as normal, but he was to leave his fourteen-year position at the bank in less than a month.<sup>1010</sup>

**1956:** Even though Stanley had moved on to the savings and loan, the bank continued its support by highlighting Lynn's accomplishments during graduation week, *"Lynn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hall, 607 West Oklahoma. He has been an outstanding student, serving as officer in all classes, member of the state and national honor societies, Spanish club and a Boys State delegate. He will enroll in engineering at OU next fall. We're proud of Lynn, too."* Lynn was also employed at the bank as an extra clerk.<sup>1011</sup>

In July, there was another incident at the bank that involved Stanley, *"Incidentally: A false alarm for the First State Bank sounded at the police station at 3 a.m. today. Police mistakenly*



called former Cashier Stanley Hall. He called present Cashier Truman Melton. Both cut short their night's rest to make repairs. Apologized Melton to Hall, Sorry I got you up Replied Hall to Melton, That's all right. I had to get up and answer the telephone anyway. <sup>1012</sup>

**1960:** Stanley maintained a good relationship with the bank and American Savings and Loan had a checking account there. He was elected to the bank's board of directors during the annual meeting in January. <sup>1013 1014</sup> This close and friendly relationship didn't sit well with federal examiners a few years later when they saw the two companies as competitors.

At the end of the year, Stanley appeared on the bank's Christmas greeting and financial statements as its director. <sup>1015 1016</sup>

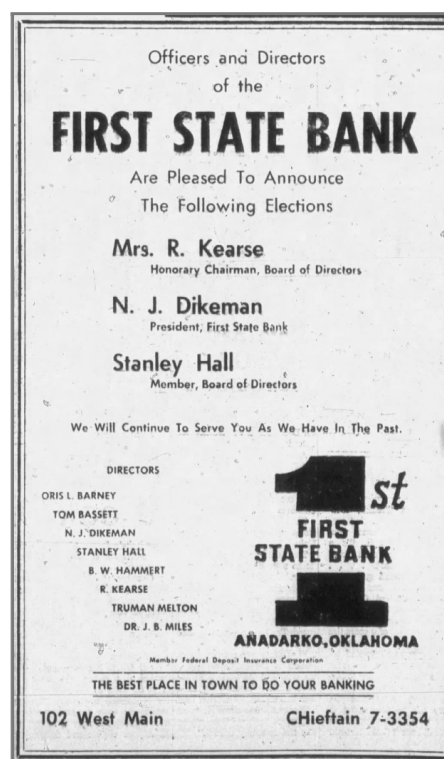
**1961:** Stanley continued his participation on the bank's board after being reelected at the January stockholders meeting. <sup>1017</sup>

**1962:** In April Stanley was mentioned as one of the board members.

In June, Tom Dikeman, Neil's son, joined Stanley and the other members on the board of directors. <sup>1018</sup> Stanley continued to be mentioned as a member of the bank's board in...

- Advertising supporting the American Indian Exposition in August
- Compliments to Bob Stevens for building Friendship Manor
- Christmas greetings in December

**1963:** Stanley continued to be listed on the bank's financial statements as a director. <sup>1019</sup>



**Figure 207: Stanley Elected to First State Board, 1960**

## American Savings and Loan 1951 - 1978

**1951:** Years before he worked at the savings and loan, Stanley had a connection there. When the small office on First Street was remodeled in December 1951, Stanley helped Oliver English install marble office fixtures there, *"Incidentally...Stanley Hall has been trying out his skill at laying marble office fixtures at the Savings-Loan remodeling project...Oliver English makes a good pipe-puffing straw-boss..."* <sup>1020</sup>

**1955:** While on a business trip to Walters on February 4th, Oliver English died in a car accident. English had been at American Savings and Loan for 27 years and was its vice president and manager at the time of his death. <sup>1021</sup> According to the story that Stanley told me, *"Mr. Dikeman was on the board at the savings and loan. After Oliver English died, I asked him when they were going to hire a new manager and he said, 'We are just waiting for you to apply.'"* I took Stanley's statement to mean it was taking a long time to replace English, but John Pollard, president, announced Stanley's appointment on February 9th, less than a week after English died. <sup>1022</sup> Truman Melton took Stanley's old position at the bank a few weeks later.

During the first few weeks of his new position, Stanley was trying to grasp the business and relate it to what he already knew from being in the banking business. He knew that the company made money by loaning out money at a higher rate than they paid for deposits. The

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existing operating procedure was to only accept deposits when the company had someone to borrow the money. Within days, one of tellers, Irene Whitaker, asked, *"Is it okay for us to accept deposits? We have a lot of people who want to deposit money but we have been turning them away."* The issue was paying out interest to depositors without getting a corresponding and higher income from real estate loans. In pretty strong language Stanley told me, *"I told them if someone comes in here and wants to make a deposit, take their money. Let me worry about loaning it out."* As it turns out there was more money in Caddo county than could easily be loaned out; Stanley had to gradually expand the lending territory to surrounding towns and counties.

Stanley's salary was \$425 per month and he signed his own payroll check #40720 on March 31st for a net of \$381.10 after withholding tax. Dail Pugh countersigned the check. The check was written on the association's checking account at First State Bank, Stanley's old employer.

In July Stanley was quoted about the dividends paid, *"...the association paid \$26,340 in dividends to local residents."* Oliver English was quoted in a similar manner for many years before Stanley managed the association; they were prompted by press releases from the Oklahoma Savings and Loan League in Oklahoma City.<sup>1023</sup>

One of the other issues with the business is called real-estate-owned or REO. If someone doesn't pay their mortgage, the company sometimes ended up owning real estate. The problem is that this type of property doesn't produce income and companies like American Savings and Loan were not set up to manage renters or real estate. These types of properties could be problematic. After about six weeks on the job, Stanley advertised houses in Anadarko, *"Two and three bedroom homes on West Colorado, See Stanley Hall. 184-tfc"*<sup>1024</sup>

The association Christmas greeting named all four people who worked there...<sup>1025</sup>

Stanley Hall

Margaret English

Dail Pugh

Irene Whittaker

**1956:** In January, Stanley was elected to the savings and loan board for the first time. This gave him a little more input into the general direction of the company. The company was growing under his leadership, *"Hall reported to the stockholders that the American Savings and Loan had \$2,382,835.66 in total assets as of December 31, 1955. This is an increase of 22 percent over the preceding year."*<sup>1026</sup>

In June, Stanley reported a \$30,000 dividend for the first six months of the year paid to 910 people, *"...the dividend has been raised to three percent annually."*<sup>1027</sup>

At the end of June, Stanley signed the published financial statements as the association's vice president for the first time.<sup>1028</sup>

The Christmas greeting named Stanley and the other three full-time employees.<sup>1029</sup>

**1957:** Stanley signed the association's published financial statements as its vice president.<sup>1030</sup>

**1958:** In June, the association announced its dividend and growth. According to Dail Pugh, *"Since Manager and Vice President Stanley Hall took over his duties in 1954...the business has really grown."* The total assets had more than doubled to almost \$3 million, *"The company has agents in Mangum, Frederick, Tipton, Hobart, Altus, Lawton, Walters, Chickasha and Hinton and it takes Hall two days to make the rounds of the territory in which the company makes loans, almost all on real estate."*<sup>1031</sup>

The association Christmas greeting again named all four people who worked there, *"By this means we say 'thank you' to all our customers and friends. It has been good to serve you. We hope you have a joyous Christmas..."*<sup>1032</sup>

Stanley Hall

Dail Pugh

Mrs. Margaret English

Mrs. Irene Whittaker

At the end of the year, Stanley signed the company financials as its vice president.<sup>1033</sup>

**1959:** Stanley continued in his vice president/manager position at the annual stockholders meeting in January.<sup>1034</sup>

The passbook savings rate was increased from 3.5% to 4% by the association effective July 1st.<sup>1035</sup>

The association promoted its growth in early July when total assets were almost \$3.9 million. Stanley was proud of the lending activity, *"...more loans have been closed by people making regular monthly payments in the past six months than ever before in the history of the association."*<sup>1036</sup> At the end of the month, Stanley signed the financial statements as the association's vice president.<sup>1037</sup>

At the end of the year, Stanley signed the financial statement as vice president and member of the board.<sup>1038</sup>

**1960:** In June, Stanley signed the financial statements for the association. Total assets were \$4.6 million.<sup>1039</sup>

In December Stanley announced total dividends of over \$35,000 for the last six months of the year<sup>1040</sup> and signed the financial statement as a director.<sup>1041</sup> The number of employees grew twenty-five percent by the end of the year with the addition of Edith Clark.<sup>1042</sup>

**1961:** *"Incidentally: ...Dail Pugh and Stanley Hall walk in step like soldiers at a pretty good pace when they get to discussing business..."*<sup>1043</sup>

In late May Stanley spoke at the state managers conference of the Oklahoma Savings and Loan League in Oklahoma City. The topic was *"...a report on business conditions and home financing in the Anadarko area..."* The event was held at the Skirvin hotel.<sup>1044</sup>

Stanley signed the association's financial statements in June and December as its director.<sup>1045</sup>

Stanley announced a new branch office at 115 SE First in Altus. He had a particularly good lending business in that area. A new building was constructed by Walter Harrington of Anadarko. Ralph Ray was to be the manager assisted by Opal Eskridge.<sup>1046</sup>

The same five employees were listed in the 1961 Christmas greeting, *"Our sincere thanks for your continued friendship and loyalty go with our wish that your Christmas be one of happiness and joy, filled with memories wonderful to recall."*<sup>1047</sup>



**Figure 208: Stanley at The Open House in Altus, 1961**

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**1962:** Early in the year, Stanley announced higher rates of four and one quarter percent for passbook savings, "*...directors met in special session Thursday to make their decision.*"<sup>1048</sup>

The annual meeting of Anadarko Industries, Inc. was held in the Chamber of Commerce office in February. Stanley was mentioned as the representative of the savings and loan, one of the forty-six stockholders<sup>1049</sup>



**Figure 209: Stanley In Front of Savings & Loan, about 1962**

In March Stanley was appointed to the Appraisal Policy and Building Practices Committee of the United States Savings and Loan League. According to M. L. Dye, president of the league, the committee, "*...works to develop methods to improve real estate appraising policies and practices of savings and loan associations.*"<sup>1050</sup>

Both offices were closed on Saturday March 10th while all employees attended the annual 'Savings and Loan' school in Oklahoma City. It is a little unusual to me to see an article with 'will not be

open' language. Stanley always insisted that any sign be worded, 'Open tomorrow. Happy holidays' or something similar -- never 'closed.'

In July, the newspaper published the association's balance sheet showing \$6.7 million in assets, a three-fold increase over the almost \$2 million when Stanley took over in 1955.<sup>1051</sup> The policy of accepting all money that came in and aggressively lending it over a wider area was working.

The December Christmas greeting included the same five employees from the last two years and an identical message from 1961.<sup>1052</sup> Total assets were just over \$7 million by the end of the year.<sup>1053</sup>

**1963:** Stanley hired Ray Webster to start early in the new year. Ray was a Presbyterian and lived a block east of us on Oklahoma Street. He had been the assistant cashier at the Anadarko Bank and Trust and had a similar background to Stanley. Ray was at the association when I worked part-time there in high school. He kept a good coffee-break schedule and sometimes took me to Albert Connel's Rexall drug for a 15 minute break at 10:00 and 2:00.

Stanley continued to sign published financial statements as the association director.<sup>1054</sup> Six employees were named on this year's Christmas greeting; Ray Webster was the sixth. They increased the size of the ad and changed the greeting this year, "*It comes at this time every year! We carefully unwrap the glittering ornaments and bedeck the tree with brightness. As you unwrap your treasured decorations, we pause to unwrap our special wish for you...We wish you health and happiness and a sincere, 'Merry Christmas.'*"<sup>1055</sup> The association reported a record dividend this year because of the increased deposits and the increased rate paid on savings.<sup>1056</sup>

**1965:** Stanley, Dail Pugh and Ralph Ray went to the Oklahoma Savings and Loan League meeting at Lake Eufaula in September. Governor Henry Bellman was the main speaker.<sup>1057</sup>

**1966:** In about 1966 Stanley met John Garland, a new attorney in town. John was a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and recently passed the bar. Stanley started sending land abstracts to John for examination. Later John handled other legal matters for the association, "*In business, Stanley was at the top. There are no telling how many people Stanley*



*helped to buy their first home. Stanley would work with his borrowers to the bitter end. There were few foreclosures at the savings and loan and when he was forced to foreclose, the borrowers would usually be a year or more in arrears in their payments. He did not like to have to foreclose.*"<sup>1058</sup>

**1971:** The new savings and loan building was completed in 1971 and Stanley held a big open house for the community. Hundreds of people came to see the building and to enter into a drawing for some new electronic device.



**Figure 210: Stanley & Rubey at Savings & Loan Open House, 1971**

Just a year or two after the open house, there was a burglary at the new building. Somebody broke out a window but didn't steal anything of much value. Regardless, the FBI was involved in incidents of this type. They interviewed Uncle Jim who was the janitor at that time and the first one in the building that morning. He was nervous and gave them a lot of details that they didn't care about, *"I came in at six this morning just like always, unlocked the door..."* and they finally asked about the broken window. *"Oh, I called Stanley just as soon as I did it."* We teased him about that for a long time.

**1972:** *"Stanley always had the thoughts of a person much younger. He trusted and gave those younger people a chance."*<sup>1059</sup> Melinda Witte was just one who got a chance from Stanley, *"Stanley Hall had confidence in me when I didn't have much confidence in myself. I will always be appreciative of him and hold him close to my heart for believing in me. He hired me as a teller at American Savings and Loan in October 1972. I had applied for a teller position and a short time afterwards went to make a withdrawal from my savings account. I had curlers in my hair. Charlotte Sage informed me that Stanley wanted to see me in his office. I told her I was embarrassed for him to see me in curlers and she informed me that Stanley knew I was in the building and that I had no choice but to go. He offered me the job that day and I took it. Seems like my initial monthly starting salary was \$200 and he increased it the next month to \$275 after I proved myself."*<sup>1060</sup>

Melinda continues, *"Stanley loved to play pranks. One Christmas, Stanley wanted us employees in the Anadarko office to draw names and purchase a gift for the person whose name we drew. I think there was a \$10 limit. He wrote each employee's name on a slip of paper*



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*and put the slips in a basket. We each drew a name and Stanley instructed us not to discuss whose name we drew. It was to be a surprise, he told us. Well, it didn't take us girls long to break the instruction, and we discovered that each one of us had the same name. Stanley had written his name on each one of the slips. Of course, we went to him and let him know we were in on the gag. He got a great laugh out of tricking us!"<sup>1061</sup>*

*"During the Christmas season, Stanley and the manager of the Altus branch office, Dail Pugh, would make A LOT of brittle (seems like it was for weeks), some of which they gifted to various collection agents throughout the area as well as the office staff. Stanley and Dail would don red, velvet-looking hats similar to a Derby and begin the cooking. They would have the best time, and would indulge in a drink or two or three as they worked to make the best peanut brittle I've ever had. Each batch of the brittle was poured in a cookie sheet to cool and then the unbroken candy was wrapped in aluminum foil after it cooled. I still make the same peanut brittle during the season."<sup>1062</sup> I think Stanley's pecan brittle is better.*

*Chili was also something that was made in the kitchen. Two batches were made, one mild and one hot. I still make the chili, too."<sup>1063</sup>*

*Stanley mandated that the staff gather in the office kitchen each morning for breakfast. It was like a big, happy family, and we enjoyed the camaraderie. As a team of two, staff took turns on a weekly basis to decide the menu. Biscuits and gravy; beer pancakes; sausage, eggs and toast; and sausage and egg breakfast casserole are among the items in which we partook. When one took an item, he wanted (like a biscuit), he would proclaim, 'that's the one I wanted!!!' and then he'd laugh. He was hilarious!" Melinda didn't know Stanley was just repeating the punch-line from a joke he liked to tell. Melinda continued, "We each contributed \$5.00 a month to a kitty that was used to purchase the ingredients needed to prepare the meals. My recollection is the chefs for the week were required to be in the kitchen at 7:00 a.m. and breakfast was served by 7:30. Work began at 8:00."<sup>1064</sup> It wasn't just employees at the table; even Bill McBee remembered this during his time in Anadarko when he managed KRPT Radio."<sup>1065</sup>*

**1975:** The association formed a service corporation in November which allowed for more flexible investments. One of the first things done through this new company was the financing of a subdivision called Shady Acres with Stanley's old friend J. M. Jackson as the developer.

**1977:** At the end of June, Stanley retired from the savings & loan and passed the keys over to me. The newspaper reported growth from less than \$2 million to almost \$38 million under Stanley's leadership. He continued to be an active member on the board of directors.



**Figure 211; Stanley & Rubey at Retirement Parties, 1977**

We held a retirement dinner for Stanley at Trader's and presented him a memory book that included letters from people he had worked with...

Roy Kerr .....	1st Federal Savings and Loan .....	Chickasha
Peggy Ford .....	Ford Insurance Agency.....	Granite
Elman Haines.....	Haines & Company .....	Lawton
Earnest & Opal Kinsey ....	Kinsey Insurance Agency .....	Hobart
Lois & Ed Norman.....	Greer County Abstract.....	Mangum
Louie Altizer .....	First State Bank .....	Cache
Ben Moore .....	First State Bank .....	Cache
Jim Harrell.....	First State Bank .....	Cache
Tom Holliday.....	First State Bank .....	Cache
Dean Bale .....	United Guaranty Residential Ins .....	Dallas, TX
Richard Thayer.....	Thayer Insurance Agency .....	Hobart
Ewin Darby.....	SW Stationary & Bank Supply .....	Lawton

Many of the letters included a comment about peanut brittle and how much they appreciated the time and effort Stanley put into producing it for them.

Lois and Ed Norman complimented Stanley, "*'Hail and Farewell' I refuse to use on this particular occasion; rather I'll say 'Don't get too far out of reach;' experience, personality, what you have indexed in your mind will be needed often by those of us who have thru the years come to depend on you for help on so many occasions -- and you never let us down ...you'll be doing constructive things right along but without the pressures you have handled so beautifully all these years. Just don't forget us; we love you much.*"<sup>1066</sup>

The officers from First State Bank in Cache wrote about Stanley's impact on their town, "*You have been very instrumental in the growth of Cache, Oklahoma, by furnishing badly needed funds for construction in our area. We appreciate your confidence in us and our customers.*"<sup>1067</sup>

Dean Bale recalled, "*...some of the good times we had in Altus Some of those steaks we had next door were super and the association with friends was great. Your friendship will be cherished always.*"<sup>1068</sup>

Ewin Darby was more like a close friend, "*Since I first met you, as I recall the spring of 1937, you a young deputy county treasurer and me a green stationery salesman, until now doesn't seem time to greet you as one of 'us retired old %@\$'s. Given all of this amounts to 40 years and that may be the reason. Stan, these 40 years that I have known you, as a county deputy, banker and most of the time in the American Savings and Loan, have been full of wonderful business and personal relationships. I have always counted you as one of my core friends and will always.*"

Stanley's business mentor, Neil Dikeman joked a little bit in his letter, "*I do not want to brag on you too much because I think it would be derogatory to your retirement. You might not want to clean out your garage if I brag too much. If you get it cleaned out between now and the end of summer, I will try to clean off my desk.*"<sup>1069</sup>

Perry Corbin wrote that he and Stanley started school together about sixty years earlier.<sup>1070</sup>

Glenn O'Neal thanked Stanley, "*The financial expertise, devotion to your assignment as manager, and the general excellence of those managerial abilities has been a great source of gratification to me, not only as a member of your Board of Directors, for the past fifteen years, but also as a good friend of your family for over forty years.*"<sup>1071</sup> It is also interesting to note that Glenn and his wife Shorty lived in the house that the Hall family occupied in 1920 after losing their house because of the paving tax.

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The board of directors when Stanley retired were...

Perry Corbin

Brewster McFadyen

Truman Melton

Neil Dikeman

Don Baldwin

Fred Harrison

Glen O'Neal



**Figure 212: Passing Over The Keys**

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### Jack and Jill Kindergarten School 1955 - 1958

The first mention of Mrs. Schaub's kindergarten in the newspaper was in 1954. That is the year that I was there. The Schaub family belonged to the Presbyterian church. Rubey and Mrs. Schaub must have talked about joining forces both at the school and at church.

**1955:** After helping Francie Schaub three times earlier in the year, Rubey took a more official role at the kindergarten. In September, Rubey helped with enrollment and served as a substitute teacher. I had graduated to first grade by this time and twenty-six younger children were in the class now.<sup>1072</sup>

At the end of October, the kindergarten had a Halloween party and Rubey helped, *"Disguised as witches, cats, clowns, fairies, spacemen, cowboys, skeletons and pirates, the children formed a parade through the downtown business district, after which they went to the Fellowship Room of the Presbyterian church for games and refreshments."* The newspaper article again noted that Rubey was a substitute teacher.<sup>1073</sup>

Just before Christmas, Rubey and Francie hosted a party for Jack and Jill students at the Schaub home, 614 West Central.<sup>1074</sup>

**1956:** Rubey took a more active role with the kindergarten. In April, Francie Schaub went to a two-day conference about children under six years old, "*Mrs. Stanley Hall will be in charge of the Jack and Jill school during Mrs. Schaub's absence.*"<sup>1075</sup>

At the beginning of the school year, twenty-four children were enrolled at the Jack and Jill kindergarten and Rubey's role seems to have advanced beyond a substitute, "*Teachers for the group of children are Mrs. Dwight Schaub and Mrs. Stanley Hall.*"

**1957:** The kindergarten school opened in October with twenty-four students. Francie Schaub and Rubey were named as the teachers.<sup>1076</sup>

In December, Rubey and Francie were hostesses for a kindergarten Christmas party at the school. The school was at Francie's home 614 West Central. "*The children sang Christmas carols and played games.*"<sup>1077</sup>

**1958:** Rubey continued to work with Francie at the kindergarten and they presented a musical program in May at the junior high auditorium.<sup>1078</sup>

Enrollment was held on August 26th for a September 8th start of kindergarten. Rubey was listed as the contact at phone #493 along with Francie Schaub at phone #807.<sup>1079</sup>

Francie and Rubey were hostesses for a masquerade party on Halloween at the Schaub home. The party began with the pledge of allegiance and singing, 'America,' 'O, What a Beautiful Morning,' 'Oklahoma,' and 'Finger Plays,' "*Then the group was driven to town where they paraded up and down Broadway between 1st and 2nd streets and enjoyed gifts from several merchants. Then the group went to the Frosty Mug for refreshments of cake, ice cream and punch.*"<sup>1080</sup>

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## Welfare Department 1958 - 1976

**1958:** Rubey started working at the Caddo County Welfare Department in December 1958.<sup>1081</sup> She started as a case worker and specialized in child welfare. She brought children and teens to our house for a few hours on occasions when she couldn't place them elsewhere. It seems like a really difficult job to me.

**1959:** Nine members of the department, including Rubey went to a district meeting in Lawton in May 1959. She worked for May Franklin, director.<sup>1082</sup>

**1960:** The total department paid out almost \$144,000 in payments to the county, about \$32,000 was aid to dependent children. The department had about 2,000 open cases involving almost 3,000 people. If the payments and number of cases are equal in proportion, Rubey's department would have over 400 cases involving over 600 people.<sup>1083</sup>

**1963:** Four new case workers were added to the welfare staff in July and Rubey was reported to be their supervisor, "*They were added to the welfare staff because of the increase in need of services for children and a shortage in help at the office.*"<sup>1084</sup>

**1964:** Rubey was listed as a student who took a short course during the spring 1964 school year at the University of Oklahoma. May Franklin was also listed. The class was called 'Problems in Health & Social Welfare' and Rubey got a 'B' and college credit for three semester hours.<sup>1085 1086</sup>

**1973:** Rubey's boss gave her a beefsteak begonia at some point during her employment there. It may have been for the service recognition in 1973<sup>1087</sup> as that is about the first time I remember it. The plant became a friendship plant; Rubey rooted cuttings from it and gave them to her friends. I remember that our version of it died back to only one leaf after I overwatered it. We rooted that one leaf and continued her tradition of giving pieces of it away.

Emory Hurley worked with Rubey, "*I remember working with Rubey at the County Welfare Department. Rubey seemed to be able to always find time if a person wanted to visit.*" Emory

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continued, *"Once in Rubey's kitchen, she and I were cutting up a turkey to be served at a Christmas party at the courthouse. In my typical clumsy way, I managed to nick my hand with her knife. In order not to cause her any undue excitement, I inquired in a conversational way, 'Rubey, do you have any Band-Aids?' Rubey almost never got excited about anything anyway or at least she had the self-control of not making it noticeable. When she, minutes later, observed that I had wounded myself in a minor way she said, 'Hmm, I'm sorry Emory, I thought you were just kidding as usual.'"*<sup>1088</sup>

**1974:** Rubey went to a two-day course called 'Care of the Aged' at OU and received a satisfactory grade and less than one university credit.<sup>1089</sup>

**1976:** Rubey submitted her resignation in late 1975 effective March 15th 1976, *"I wish to tender my resignation and retirement before age sixty-five. Mrs. Franklin, the County Administrator, has given her consent to my early retirement."* She probably wanted to wait until 1978, at age 65 and after twenty years on the job. Her cancer diagnosis in 1976 probably changed her plans and I don't think she could have worked after treatments started. She was a Casework Supervisor at the time and her last day in the office was February 12th; with her accrued annual leave, she was paid through March 15th. According to her award certificate dated April 14th 1976, Rubey's Social Security was \$260.50 in the beginning and increased to \$581 two years later.



## Community Events

	Documented Community Activities			
	Rubey	Stanley	Both	Total
<b>Weddings &amp; Baby Showers</b>	90	0	0	90
<b>Funerals &amp; Other Community Events</b>	5	13	2	20
<b>Total</b>	95	13	2	110

While Stanley was called on to attend more funerals & work-related events, Rubey was busy taking care of the household and children. When she did do things outside the home, it was more focused on social events related to friends and relatives.

### Weddings and Baby Showers 1936 - 1964

**1936:** In August Rubey went to a wedding shower for Vaughndeane Landes, now Mrs. E. R. Rosser. We knew Vaughndeane Landes when we lived in Anadarko but didn't know she had ever been married.

**1937:** In July, Rubey went to Mary Eda Vallier's home at 415 West Central for a wedding shower honoring Mabel Johnson who had married Glen Zimmerman. Rubey's sister, Ruth, and Rubey's friend, Audra Williams from the 1930 dance troupe, were there as well.<sup>1090</sup>

At the end of August, Rubey and her mother Rosa went to Ruth's house at 211 West Georgia for a wedding shower for Maxine Jarnagin who married Dwight Hamlin, "*The party was held on the attractive back lawn of Mrs. Burnett's home...*"<sup>1091</sup>

**1938:** There was a wedding shower for Essie Rumley, now Essie McDowell in early April. Rubey's sister-in-law, Hazel Brooks went to the shower, but Rubey sent a gift.<sup>1092</sup>

Late in April, there was a dinner party for Rubey and Stanley's good friend, Mary Leigh Baird at Lewis Rogers' house at 507 West Oklahoma. Mary Leigh was to marry A. A. McCutchen of Denver. After dinner, "*...the guests enjoyed an informal evening spent in reminiscence of the past year spent together.*" Guests were...<sup>1093</sup>

Roberta Lawrence

Margaret Baldwin

Vella Frazee

Mary Eda Vallier

Mrs. James Hammond

Rubey Hall

On the 30th of November, Rubey went to a stork shower for Ruth Burnett before Judy was born, "*Lovely autumn flowers graced the reception rooms in the Brown home on West Central Boulevard, and the large group assembled to spend an informal evening together.*" Twenty-one people attended and seven more sent gifts. Stanley's sister Hazel and Rubey's mother Rosa were also there.<sup>1094</sup>

Right before Christmas Rubey went to a buffet supper for Betty Hume who was going to marry Dr. John Black the day after Christmas.<sup>1095</sup> The supper was at Mary Eda Vallier's house at 415 West Central. It was a small party of people from church including...

Mrs. James H. Hammond

Mrs. Derrel Shelby

Rubey Hall

Mrs. Lewis Rogers

May Adele McFadyen

Roberta Lawrence

Mrs. E. B. Bristow

Mary Eda Vallier

Eloise McCown

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Betty is the daughter of C. Ross Hume and his wife who were early Caddo County settlers. Rubey also attended the wedding at the Hume house at 503 West Central and Lewis Rogers from the Presbyterian church conducted the ceremony. Rubey assisted with the cake after Betty cut the first piece.<sup>1096</sup>

**1939:** In early March, Rubey went to a shower for Bernice Oliver who had married Maurice Abshere. Just over 100 people attended and Rubey's sister-in-law, Hazel Brooks, was one of the hostesses. Stanley's mother was there as well.<sup>1097</sup>

In mid-May there was a baby shower for Stanley's sister, Stella. A lot of Stella's friends and relatives were there...<sup>1098</sup>

### Friends

Mrs. Maurice Abshere

Mrs. Ray Oliver

Mrs. Hazel Brown

Mrs. J. E. Walraven, Nicoma Park

Mrs. F. J. Callahan

Mrs. F. N. Gilbert

Mrs., Klon Summers

Mrs. E. M. Rogers

Mrs. Bert Oliver

Audra Williams

Susan Graham

Elva Lamb

Hazel Graham

Betty Lee Smith

Josephine Gilbert

### Relatives

Hazel Brooks, sister

Mary Hall, mother

Rubey Hall, sister-in-law

June Lane, sister

Ruth Reiss, sister

Clara Hall, sister

Opal Longenecker, cousin

Ruth Burnett, Rubey's sister

On May 18th, Stanley took a group to a shower for Regina Brooks in Stillwater. Regina was Hazel [Hall] Brooks' sister-in-law who married Wesley Hodges. Regina and her husband had a son also named Wesley who went to school with me. Those who Stanley took to the shower that night were...

- His mother, Mary Hall
- His sister, Hazel Brooks
- Regina's mother, Rosa P. Brooks

Rubey didn't go.

The day after the Cook family reunion at Springlake park, Rubey went to a shower for Mary Eda Vallier who was marrying Alvin Neal. The shower was held in the church basement where Stanley and Rubey were married just three years before. Almost a hundred people attended including Rubey, Mary Hall and June Lane.<sup>1099</sup>

Rubey went to a tea for Betty Lee Smith at 411 West Georgia on December 11th. It was a pretty large affair with 67 people attending including Rubey, Hazel Brooks, and Stella Fisher.<sup>1100</sup>

**1940:** Rubey, Ruth and June went to a baby shower for Alma [Shockley] Hawkins at 503 West Louisiana on July 23rd. The event was sponsored by the Pla-Mor bridge club. Eleven members of the club were there as well as twenty-five nonmembers.<sup>1101</sup> Alma's husband was R. H. Hawkins, assistant cashier at the Anadarko Bank and Trust and Alma was a member of the Crape Myrtle Unit with Rubey. Two days later, Rubey went to a baby shower for Mera Jackson. June Hall was there and Stanley's mother, Mary, sent a gift.<sup>1102</sup>

On October 13th Rubey and Mabel Johnson hosted a wedding shower for Abbie Lee Parrish at our home, 605 West Oklahoma. Abbie had married J. E. Dobbs. Rubey and Mabel had prepared, "*...an attractive refreshment plate...to conclude an evening delightfully spent viewing the many lovely gifts of the bride.*" It was a pretty large crowd for the house; thirty-seven people attended including Ruth Burnett and Rosa Cook.<sup>1103</sup>

On November 7th, Rubey went to a wedding shower for Lucille Richey who was going to marry Stanley's brother Carl. There were thirty-six guests including these relatives...<sup>1104</sup>

- Hazel Brooks
- Rubey Hall
- June Lane
- Mary Hall

Just a week later on November 15th, Rubey and Hazel Brooks hosted a shower for Hazel Graham, now Mrs. Zip Landes. The shower was at the Hall house at 605 West Oklahoma, "*The bride was presented with favorite recipes for a card index by each guest and following an informal evening was presented with a host of lovely gifts.*" Rubey and Hazel made "...clever corsages made of gum drops placed on each refreshment plate. A blue and white color scheme was carried out through appointments." Thirty-eight people came including...

- Hazel Brooks
- Rubey Hall
- Mary Hall
- Stella Fisher

**1941:** After playing pitch with Mrs. Floyd Wood a week earlier, Rubey was invited to a baby shower for her at the American Legion building on February 25th. Thirty people went to the shower but both Rubey and Ruth sent gifts.<sup>1105</sup>

In May Rubey went to a wedding shower for Naomi Giles at 411 West Georgia, the Clark house. Naomi was to marry Roscoe Chadwick of Edmond. Twenty-seven people were there and twenty-four others sent gifts.<sup>1106</sup>

In August, twenty people including Rubey and Myrtle Sparks sent gifts to a baby shower at the Christian Church for Mrs. L. A. Dean. There were twenty-two people physically there.<sup>1107</sup>

In early December, there was a small wedding shower for Rubey's niece, Donna Jo Sparks. Eleven people went to the shower; Rubey was not able to go because of a previous commitment to Le Jeudi Soir Club, but sent a gift.<sup>1108</sup> She was able to attend the larger shower in Apache the next day and her mother went with her. Thirty-two people came to the shower in Apache.<sup>1109</sup>

**1942:** In early June, the members of the Presbyterian Guild held a wedding shower for Muriel Ellison who had married A. B. Hensley, Jr. Twenty-six people from the church were there. Rubey didn't attend but sent a gift.<sup>1110</sup>

On June 26th, Rubey went to a shower for Mrs. Amos Hines at the Baptist Church. Forty-five people attended, including Rubey.

**1943:** On March 18th, there was a baby shower for Mrs. Glen Nixon at Mrs. Carrol Hanes home. There were sixteen guests including Rubey and Ruth & Judy Dutcher.<sup>1111</sup>

On June 4th Rubey attended a baby shower for Muriel [Ellison] Hensley hosted by Mrs. Foy Price. The Price family were our neighbors at 603 West Oklahoma.<sup>1112</sup>

In July, the First State Bank employees hosted a wedding shower for Mrs. W. H. Cooper, Jr. at Levi Tingley's house, "*Mrs. Tingley played a record of an original composition of hers titled 'My Sweetheart Has Wings' dedicated to Cpl. W. H. Cooper, Jr., who is stationed at Lake Charles, La., with the army air corps.*" Forty-five people attended including Rubey.<sup>1113</sup>

**1946:** The day after the regular Grape Myrtle meeting, Rubey, June and six other Grape Myrtle members gave a surprise shower for Mrs. Harold Peters, "*Light refreshments were served after the gifts were opened.*"<sup>1114</sup>

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In early August, Rubey sent a wedding gift to Lois Braden for her shower held in the basement of the Christian Church. Sixty-two people attended including Mary Mahala Hall. Fifty-two people sent gifts including Rubey.<sup>1115</sup>

In September, Rubey went to a baby shower for Mrs. B. W. Harris at the American Legion building. Thirty-eight people attended including Rubey; 49 others sent gifts.<sup>1116</sup>

**1947:** On November 6th, Lynn was admitted to the hospital and that may be why Rubey sent a gift instead of attending the shower for Waldine Carruth, now Mrs. Charles Stephens.<sup>1117</sup>

**1948:** Rubey didn't attend but sent a gift to Mrs. Joe Willingham's baby shower in February. Twenty-three people went to the shower and thirty-four sent gifts.<sup>1118</sup>

**1949:** Rubey went to a wedding shower for Betty Lee Fisher in early June. Rubey, Ruth Dutcher and Mary Mahala Hall were among the 60 people who attended.<sup>1119</sup>

**1950:** In August Rubey went to a shower for Johnetta Stalder who had married Max Talley. It was a large event with over 100 people held in the Methodist Church.<sup>1120</sup> Three days later she attended an even larger wedding shower for Shirley Sullivan who married Robert McClure. One hundred eighty-two people were there including Rubey, Lewis & Bertha Hall and June & Norma Sue Lane.<sup>1121</sup>

In mid-September, Rubey went to a baby shower for Mrs. Charles Clark at the Presbyterian church. It was a small event with sixteen mostly church members there including Rubey and Mary Mahala Hall.<sup>1122</sup>

**1951:** At the end of January, Rubey went to a wedding shower for Norma Sue Lane and Jimmy Thompson. The hostesses were June Lane, Ruth Dutcher, Mrs. Harold Peters, Mrs. Bud Zipse and Mrs. Albert Smith. Judy helped Norma open gifts. Judy also performed a musical reading called 'The Romance of Norma Sue' accompanied by Mrs. C. F. Beecham. A hundred people came to the shower including these relatives...<sup>1123</sup>

Rubey and Stanley Hall

Mary Mahala Hall

Ruth Dutcher

James Daniel Hall

Judy Dutcher

Raymond Brooks

June Lane

Carl and Ruth Reiss

**1953:** In May, Stanley and Rubey attended the first Anadarko High School reunion. It was held at the Caddo County Golf and Country Club. Bruce Dutcher was introduced as the earliest graduate there. Lucille Hall was on the committee that arranged the event. A total of one hundred fifty people attended including relatives...<sup>1124</sup>

Clara Hall

Stanley and Rubey Hall

Lucille and Carl Hall

Raymond Brooks

A number of friends who danced with Rubey in the 1930 dance group were there...<sup>1125</sup>

Elfrieda Hammert Williams

Mary Elizabeth Lawrence Jackson

Bruce Dutcher

Audra Williams

In May, Rubey and Stanley went to a wedding shower for her sister, Myrtle Dudley, who had married Albert Dudley in Apache.<sup>1126</sup> Ruth and Isa, also went with their husbands, Bruce Dutcher and Clarence 'Red' Mason.<sup>1127</sup>

Rubey and Ruth Dutcher went to a baby shower for Mrs. Garland Patton in June, "*Games were played during the evening and prizes were given. Refreshments were served after the opening of the gifts.*"<sup>1128</sup>

In October, Rubey went to a wedding shower for Grace Marie Freelin, a member of the church. Stanley's mother, Mary, and Ruth & Judy Dutcher were also there. It was a large affair with over 80 people there, mostly members of the Presbyterian church.<sup>1129</sup>

Just after Christmas, Rubey and Ruth went to a wedding for Betty Ruth Cyrus and Guy Cabbiness. Betty is the daughter of Woody and Kate Cyrus, Stanley and Rubey's card-playing friends. It was a formal wedding at the First Christian Church.<sup>1130</sup>

**1954:** Rubey and Stanley went to Ruth and Bruce Dutcher's house for dinner in mid-May. It appears to be a party for the Cyrus family; as the others who went were Woody and Kate Cyrus, Guy and Betty [Cyrus] Cabbiness and Jimmy Cyrus & his future wife Suzanne Gathwright.<sup>1131</sup> Rubey and Ruth went to a reception for Suzanne the next day at Woody and Kate's house.<sup>1132</sup>

In early June, Rubey and Stanley went to the Anadarko High School reunion at the community building. Three hundred people came including twelve members of Stanley's 1930 class and eight members of Rubey's class.<sup>1133</sup>

In September, Rubey was one of four hostesses at a wedding shower for Harriette Ann Smith, now Mrs. Clyde Larrew, at Ruth Dutcher's house. Other hostesses were friends Kate Cyrus, Bernice Helm, Lee Virda Armstrong and Ruth. Twenty other people were there or sent gifts including June and Charlie Lane.<sup>1134</sup>

In October, Rubey went to a baby shower at Joanne Smith's house for Mrs. A. E. Ash. Sixteen people were there. Eugene and Joanne Smith lived just down the block at 614 West Oklahoma.<sup>1135</sup> Later in October, Rubey and Stanley went to an engagement party for Mary Angeline Phillips who was marrying Lt. Bruce Blair Martin at the Green Room of the First Christian Church. Ruth and Bruce Dutcher were also there along with over sixty others.<sup>1136</sup>

**1955:** In January, Rubey went to a shower for Janice Hood who married Billy Joe Williams. The Williams family lived in a big two-story house at the end of our block across the street from the armory. It was a large affair held at the Methodist church with over 80 people attending or sending gifts, including Rubey and June Lane.<sup>1137</sup>

On March 1st, Rubey went to a baby shower for Joanne Smith at the Schoonover house, 802 West Georgia.<sup>1138</sup> Joanne and her husband Gene sang with us in the church choir; their daughter, Diane was born a few months later and became one of our closest friends during difficult times in the early 1980s. Rubey and Stanley sent a gift to a wedding shower for Jim Phariss and Carolyn Andrews in March at the Broxton school. Since Stanley was rarely listed in these types of events, I assume they didn't attend in person and the newspaper is not specific about attendance. June and Charlie Lane are also listed.<sup>1139</sup>

Rubey went to a wedding shower for Janis Thompson at the Methodist church in May. Ruth and Judy Dutcher were also there.<sup>1140</sup>

In June, Stanley and Carl Miller co-chaired the entertainment committee for the third annual Anadarko High School reunion. Lucille Hall and Hazel Snavelly were in charge of decorations. Reservations were \$1.75 which covered, "*... registration, banquet and the dance during the reunion.*"<sup>1141</sup> Rubey and Stanley attended the reunion which was held on June 11th.<sup>1142</sup> Lucille Hall also attended.<sup>1143</sup>

Rubey and Ruth Dutcher were two out of six hostesses for a shower for Marlene Cummins, now Mrs. Bill Vaughan, at the Presbyterian church in July. A total of fifty people were there.<sup>1144</sup>

Rubey went to a baby shower for Florine Bell in August. The Bell family lived at 610 West Broadway, across the alley from our house. The shower was held at the Kenneth Wilkerson home, 509 East Broadway. Forty-five people attended or sent gifts including Rubey, Lucille Hall, and June Lane.<sup>1145</sup> A week later, Rubey and Ruth Dutcher traveled to the First Baptist Church in Apache for Donna Jean Mason's baby shower. Donna Jean was Rubey and Ruth's niece, Isa's daughter-in-law. Eighty-seven people attended or sent gifts including Rubey, Ruth, and Isa.<sup>1146</sup>

Ruth and Rubey, along with Doris Vaughan, Betty Cabbiness, Lois Bright, Wanda Newell and Lola Baird, were hostesses for Cleotis DeGraffenreid who married John Barton. Almost a hundred people attended or sent gifts.<sup>1147</sup>

**1956:** Rubey and Stanley sent a gift to a wedding shower for Mona Turley in late April.<sup>1148</sup>



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They sent another gift to Amy Yarnall, formerly Amy Upchurch a couple of weeks later in early May.<sup>1149</sup>

In June, Rubey went to a wedding shower for Janet Temple who was to marry John Miles, Jr. It was a large event with eleven hostesses, including Ruth Dutcher, and 187 guests, including June Lane. Judy Dutcher accompanied Caroline Nixon who sang 'Moonglow'.<sup>1150</sup> Three days later, Rubey went to another wedding shower, this time for Retta Jo Farrington who was going to marry Dale Brock. June Lane went too.<sup>1151</sup>

After the third annual high school reunion, Mrs. Snavely expressed her thanks to the people who helped including Stanley and Rubey.<sup>1152</sup>

Rubey went to four showers in August for...

1. Barbara Finch who married Jerry Tyrell<sup>1153</sup>
2. Wilma Ann Thomas who married Jack Knapp<sup>1154</sup>
3. Margo Moore who married William Hamilton<sup>1155</sup>
4. Joy Kay Roberds who married Joe Don Glimp<sup>1156</sup>

In September, Rubey went to a fashion show produced by the Business and Professional Women in the Green room of the First Christian church. Fashions from C. R. Anthony, Famous Store, Youngheim's and Ellen's Style Shoppe were featured. Hats from the Fair store were worn by several of the models. Over seventy people attended this event including Rubey and Lucille Hall.<sup>1157</sup> A few days later, Rubey went to a covered-dish lunch for Bobbie Ann Bivens who was going to marry Larry Edgemon. The couple was wed right after the lunch. Bobbie Ann's brother, John, was Roger's good friend.<sup>1158</sup>

**1957:** Rubey, June Lane and Ruth Dutcher attended a wedding shower for Virginia Freeman who was to marry Jimmy Snavely. Jimmy Snavely lived next door to us at 609 West Oklahoma. Sixty-one people attended the event at the Green Room of the First Christian church.<sup>1159</sup>

**1958:** Rubey went to a shower for Brenda West at the end of April. Brenda was a Presbyterian and she married Ray Tarver. There were eight hostesses including Lucille Hall and Ruth Dutcher. There were over two hundred people who attended or sent gifts including Rubey, Ruth Dutcher and June Lane.<sup>1160</sup>

A baby shower was held at the Presbyterian Church for Lois Hammert in October. Over a hundred people went to the shower or sent gifts including Rubey and Ruth Dutcher.<sup>1161</sup>

**1959:** Rubey went to a shower for Ruby Melencamp in January at the First Christian church. Judy Dutcher also attended.<sup>1162</sup>

In April, Rubey went to a baby shower for Avis Brower, a member of the circle group at church. The event was at Mrs. Stan Harris' home. Over fifty people attended or sent gifts including many Presbyterians, Rubey and Ruth Dutcher.<sup>1163</sup>

About a month later, Ruth Dutcher was one of sixteen hostesses for Darla Clark's wedding shower at the Christian church. Almost 150 people attended or sent gifts including Rubey, Ruth, and Judy Dutcher. It looks like Rubey did not attend in person since Stanley was mentioned in the list. In articles that specify those attending and those who sent gifts, Stanley was only mentioned only when they sent a gift.<sup>1164</sup> Rubey apparently did attend a wedding shower for Galeda Harrison five days later at the First Methodist church. This was another quite large shower. Galeda married Philip Mannschreck; she worked at the savings and loan in the 1970s.<sup>1165</sup>

**1960:** On the first of April, Rubey went to a baby shower for Betty [Cyrus] Cabbiness. Twenty-seven people including Rubey and Ruth Dutcher were there. Ruth "*...wrote down each word Mrs. Cabbiness said as she opened her gifts, then read the list to her as the first things she would say to the new baby.*"<sup>1166</sup>

About a week after the Cabbiness shower Rubey went to a shower for Jo Anna Williams at the church. There were a lot of Presbyterians there including Rubey and Ruth.<sup>1167</sup>

In July, Rubey went to a wedding shower for Alice Stotler at the Catholic church.<sup>1168</sup>

**1961:** In February, Rubey and Stanley sent a gift to a wedding shower for Vicki Green. Vicki is the daughter of Raymond and Elizabeth Green and Mike Dutcher's sister-in-law. It was a really large event at the First Methodist church with over a hundred people attending or sending gifts including Carl & Lucille Hall and Lynn & Polly.<sup>1169</sup>

In May, Rubey and Stanley sent a gift to Jane Ogle's shower; she married Wayne Wunderlich. Lucille Hall was one of four hostesses and Mary Kay served refreshments.<sup>1170</sup>

Rubey and Stanley sent a gift to Phyllis Lovell when she married Phillip Melton in June. Phillip is the son of Stanley's long-time friend and coworker, Truman Melton. Other members of the family who went to the shower or sent gifts include Lynn & Polly, Ruth & Bruce Dutcher, Judy Orr and Lucille & Carl Hall & Mary Kay.<sup>1171</sup>

Stanley and Rubey also sent a gift to Caroline Nixon when she married John Lenehan in July.<sup>1172</sup> Later in the same month, Rubey was one of ten hostesses at a wedding shower at the First Methodist church for Jenna Lee Smith who married Edward Kidd II.<sup>1173</sup>

Rubey went to a wedding shower for Kay Landes in August. Kay married Glenn McPherson.<sup>1174</sup>

**1962:** Rubey and Stanley sent a gift to Suzanne Pond, now Mrs. Johnny Trogdon, for her wedding shower in April. The event was held in Fort Cobb. Ruth and Bruce Dutcher also sent a gift.<sup>1175</sup>

In June, Rubey was one of six hostesses at a wedding shower for Betty Humphreys, our neighbor across the alley. Betty married George Tallent.<sup>1176</sup>

In July, Rubey and Ruth Dutcher went to a shower for Sally Beth Landes at the First Methodist church who was going to marry Jerry Lee Thurman. Mary Kay Hall helped Sally Beth open presents.<sup>1177</sup>

In August, Rubey was one of eleven hostesses for Dail Pugh's daughter, Ann, at the First Christian church. It was a large event with over a hundred people attending or sending gifts including Lucille & Mary Kay Hall and Ruth Dutcher.<sup>1178</sup>

**1963:** Rubey was one of four hostesses for a coffee in May at the Ladies' Parlor of the church. The coffee was in honor of Elizabeth DeFord who lived across the street east of us. Elizabeth was to marry Robert Steele of Norman.<sup>1179</sup>

Rubey, Ruth, Kate Cyrus and Ethel Pugh were hostesses at Kate's house for Nita Sue Crowell who was engaged to Bert Temple. Thirty people attended.<sup>1180</sup>

Rubey and Ruth Dutcher went to a wedding shower for Frances Anne McFadyen who was to marry John Tucker III. The mid-December event was held at E. E. Karns' home.<sup>1181</sup>

**1964:** In May Rubey and Ruth went to a wedding shower for Karen Hall and Joe Burch.<sup>1182</sup>

Rubey and Ruth Dutcher went to a drop-in wedding shower for Barbara Patton at the Baptist church in November. Thirty-five people were there.<sup>1183</sup>

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## Funerals and Other Community Events 1937 - 1965

**1937:** In mid-March, Rubey went to a funeral in Apache for W. T. Sparks, Myrtle's father-in-law. Rubey's sister, Ruth Burnett, went with her.<sup>1184</sup>

In May Rubey went to a shower and farewell party for Hazel Graham, hosted by Hazel Brooks. It was a surprise 'handkerchief shower' held in the Masonic temple club room. Graham was moving to Seminole to work at a ready-to-wear shop. Most of the guests were members

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of the Business and Professional Women's club. Stanley's mother, Mary, sent a gift, but didn't attend.<sup>1185</sup>

**1943:** Even though Stanley no longer worked at the courthouse, he did some auditing work for the treasurer's office.<sup>1186</sup> Stanley and Rubey went to a large picnic at the McClure farm sponsored by the courthouse employees at the end of September. The group celebrated the 22nd anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Glass, "*H. B. White acted as the chef, preparing hamburgers for the group. Members brought covered dishes to complete the menu. After the supper, pitching horseshoes and other games were played.*"<sup>1187</sup>

On November 13th, Stanley was a pall bearer for Edward David McClure, a classmate who moved to Anadarko in 1920.<sup>1188</sup>

**1945:** On June 22nd, Stanley was a pall bearer for Emma Graham, Wren Graham's mother.<sup>1189</sup>

**1948:** Rubey attended a large farewell bridge party on April 23rd at the community building for Annette [McDowell] Bristow who was moving to Pawhuska. Forty-eight people were there to play bridge. Annette attended the Presbyterian church with Rubey and Stanley and was in Rubey's high school class. High score was "*...won by Mrs. Raymond Brooks*" which surprised me for a minute because Hazel died six months earlier. Raymond had remarried just two weeks before this card game to another woman named Hazel, Hazel Snively who lived next door to us at 609 West Oklahoma.<sup>1190</sup>

**1950:** In January Deane F. Baird died and Stanley served as casket bearer along with Willie Law, D. H. Willingham, Dan Holmberg, Bob West and Henry Methvin. Deane was Mary Leigh Baird's father.

In July Stanley was an honorary bearer for Anna Florence Cleveland at the Presbyterian church. The Cleveland family were long-time members of the Presbyterian church in Anadarko.<sup>1191</sup>

In November, Stanley was a pall bearer for Mrs. Alice Karns. Alice was an early day pioneer in Caddo County.<sup>1192</sup>

In December, Della Schaub died. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and served at Dwight Mission many years before Ann Lyn went to church camp there. Stanley and all of the officers of the Anadarko Presbyterian Church were named as honorary bearers.<sup>1193</sup>

**1951:** In June Rubey and Ruth Dutcher went to a farewell party for Mrs. A. B. Hensley who was moving to Muskogee. The party was at Margaret Ann Ellison's house at 402 West Texas. A group of friends played canasta...<sup>1194</sup>

Mrs. Ira Rogers	Mrs. Leon Carruth	Mrs. Bill McKee
Mrs. Ed Otey	Mrs. Charles Goodwin, Jr.	Mrs. Bruce Dutcher
Mrs. Crowley Evans	Mrs. E. B. Kidd	Mrs. Dorothy Williams
Mrs. Frazier O'Rear	Mrs. F. M. Cost	Mrs. A. B. Hensley
Mrs. Harry Beardsley	Mrs. Don Bell	Mrs. Carl Ellison
Rubey Hall	Mrs. Jim Malone	Mrs. Vernie Bailess
Mrs. Floyd Butler	Mrs. Paul Kearns	

**1952:** Long-time Anadarko resident, Ralph Cleveland died in February. He came to Anadarko in 1889 and worked for his uncle C. A. Cleveland at a trading post that was located north of Anadarko. He and Stanley were active in some of the same areas in town such as the church, Masonic Lodge and work at the court house. Stanley was one of the active pall bearers at the funeral.<sup>1195</sup>

**1953:** In April, Dan Holmberg's daughter and her husband were killed in an automobile accident. Dan and his family were friends and fellow Presbyterians. Stanley was one of the active bearers for Mrs. Owen.<sup>1196</sup>

**1955:** In October, Stanley was a pall bearer for Natie enkins of Anadarko.<sup>1197</sup> A few days later Stanley was listed as a pall bearer for Charles Wilson Lane. I don't think Lane is a relative.<sup>1198</sup>

**1956:** Rubey and Ruth went to Francie Schaub's house for a coffee to say goodbye to Mrs. Charles F. Beacham who moved to Okmulgee.<sup>1199</sup>

**1960:** It was a sad day in February when Stanley's old boss and friend died suddenly. Klon Summers had hired Stanley thirty-one years earlier to work in the Omer and Summers dime store. His real name was Albert Hopper Summers but everybody knew him as Klon. Klon and his wife, Grace, were frequently in Stanley and Rubey's lives at weddings, flower clubs, hobby shows, showers, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts and more. Klon was a craftsman who made stone and wooden bowls and lamps. He also made wood carvings. At a hobby show in 1957 some friends played a little trick on Klon, *"Incidentally: Klon Summers is still blushing just a little. At the hobby show Tuesday night Klon had his pride and joy on display, his turned wood and rock carving. They appear to be the work of a professional. And while Klon took a short trip it seems Raymond Friedman and A. F. Mullins put special stickers on the bottom of Klon's handy work. The signs read, 'Made in Japan' and 'Made in Holland.' Klon's remark, 'T'aint so."*<sup>1200</sup> Klon's two stores in downtown Anadarko were sold to TG&Y in 1946. Stanley was one of six pall bearers at Klon's funeral.<sup>1201</sup>

**1962:** B. W. Hammert died in May and Stanley was one of the pall bearers.<sup>1202</sup> Hammert was an early Anadarko pioneer who arrived before the August 6th opening of the county and staked a homestead at 403 West Washington where he lived until his death. He opened a meat market and formed a partnership with J. I. Ayers. They operated a market called Hammert and Ayers until 1920. Hammert was one of the original founders of the American Savings and Loan and still served on the board at age 95. He was also on the First State Bank board. His daughter Elfrieda danced in the 1930 show with Rubey.<sup>1203</sup> As I write this, I can see a Hammert and Ayers flour sifter on the shelf in front of me that we found in our first house at 410 East Broadway.

**1963:** L. D. Fisher's mother, Nettie died in May and Stanley was a pall bearer. The Fisher family were members of the Presbyterian church.<sup>1204</sup>

**1964:** Stanley and Rubey went to a 50th anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Cook in July. It was a fairly large event held at the Cook home. Lynn, Polly, Holly and Greg Hall also were there as well as Ruth Dutcher.<sup>1205</sup>

**1965:** Kate Cyrus held a tea in January honoring her grandchildren, Katie Cabbiness and Scott Cyrus of Tulsa. Rubey and Ruth Dutcher went to the event along with Judy, Laurie and Merry Orr who were visiting from Seattle.<sup>1206</sup>

**1981:** Stanley was on a committee led by Lena Rogers Wingo to organize a school reunion of graduates from 1930 or before. Rubey registered to attend as well as Clara Hall and Stella Hall.<sup>1207</sup>



Figure 213: Flour Sifter from Hammert & Ayers

## Volunteering

Both Rubey and Stanley volunteered for a number of organizations in Anadarko. Stanley's 139 documented activities were more related to his work and Rubey's 18 more related to activities that involved the children.

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### Military, Red Cross & War Bonds 1942 - 1952

While Stanley didn't serve in the military, he and Rubey were supportive of friends and relatives who did. In 1942, they traveled to Fort Barkley in Texas where the 45th was training. While there, they visited Stanley's brother, Carl, and brothers-in-law, Charlie Lane and Raymond Brooks.

**1942:** A full-page advertisement for the Caddo County Navy Committee was in the Anadarko Daily News on November 18th 1942. The ad was aimed at parents, boys over 18 and



**Figure 214: L to R: Lynn, Rubey, Stanley, Camp Barkley, TX 1942**

men in the draft asking them to learn more about the Navy. The informational meeting was held at the post office and Stanley was listed as one of the sponsors.<sup>1208</sup>

"Aid For Servicemen...it's obvious a service man on leave will soon be bored merely with strolling along Main Street. So, the United Service Organizations aim to offer him suitable entertainment and off-reservation activities. More that 692 clubrooms and other USO units have been built by the U. S. Government and are operated by the six member organizations of USO --YMCA, National Catholic Community Service, Salvation Army, YWCA, Jewish Welfare Board and National Travelers Aid Association."<sup>1209</sup>

At the end of November, Rubey was one of ninety women named as a block leader for the war effort on the home front according to the Anadarko Daily News. An organizational meeting was held on November 30th led by Martha Schultz who explained the duties of block leaders. The first task was to explain the 'share the meat' program to each housewife in each designated area. Rubey was assigned to block 54.<sup>1210</sup> According to the Incidentally column, *"The Block Leader women had to strong-arm some school men out of the courtroom yesterday*



to hold their session."<sup>1211</sup> Unfortunately, the effort was not as successful as hoped, half of those called to the organizational meeting did not attend.<sup>1212</sup>

James M. Landis, national director of the Office of Civilian Defense said in a statement, "*Block leaders will contribute directly to our national war program when they win the cooperation of their neighbors in the voluntary conservation of meat. Voluntary meat rationing should be clearly understood for exactly what it is--an immediate as well as a long-range plan to fulfill the needs of our armed forces, and, under lend-lease contract, those of our fighting allies.*"<sup>1213</sup> A USO fund drive in Caddo County started August 6th. By the end of September, the old Wigwam tavern in the 300 block of SE 2nd Street in Anadarko. was acquired and remodeled. Harold Gregory donated the use of the building and premises, "*...for the duration of the war.*" The Anadarko USO club opened in mid-October.<sup>1214</sup>

**1943:** In February, Rubey and the other "*block leaders, neighborhood leaders and other civilian defense*" were called to attend a meeting at the Anadarko High School auditorium to learn about registering for War Ration Book No. 2, "*...initiated to establish a group of 'information' workers to assist consumers in placing point rationing in operation.*"<sup>1215</sup> Later in February, the block leaders worked to emphasize the importance of producing food through Victory Gardens established by individuals.<sup>1216</sup>

**1944:** In January it was announced that more people had been recruited to sell War Bonds during the Fourth War Loan. At First State Bank, Stanley was named one of the five workers selling bonds under Mrs. Frances Wright, chair of the group.<sup>1217</sup> Block Leaders were also recruited to help sell War Bonds, "*Block Leaders were given much of the credit for. the success of the Third War Loan last September, Joe W. McBride, county drive chairman, said today.*" Rubey was the Block Leader for block 54.

In mid-March, Stanley, Rubey and Lucille Hall went to a party honoring former and present courthouse employees who were leaving for the service. A group of 50 people met at the Rock Castle to play pitch and Chinker Chek, another word for Chinese Checkers which was introduced to the United States in 1928.<sup>1218 1219</sup>

In March, Rubey's Crape Myrtle flower club supported the war effort through a \$3 donation to the Red Cross and through the Red Cross knitting program.<sup>1220</sup> Again in May, the club furnished roses for the USO club house for servicemen on Mother's Day.

**1945:** On February Stanley attended a Red Cross drive kick-off breakfast at the community building. Corporal Paul Garner, a patient of Bordon Hospital in Chickasha gave first-hand information about conditions at the fronts of Italy and France. The goal was set by Caddo County Red Cross Chairman John B. McVey at \$22,000. Anadarko's quota was \$7,350. A campaign for donations began immediately after the breakfast and Albert Connel assigned five teams of workers led by captains Newt Spradlin, Ira Hart, George Trotter, Houston Tice and Asa Jenkins. Stanley was one of twenty-seven members of Asa Jenkins' team. The campaign was completed in 24 hours.<sup>1221</sup> All of the newspaper advertising on the 19th was aimed at supporting this effort. Despite their best efforts, the campaign fell short of its goal by \$1000.<sup>1222</sup>

The USO Club was in need of bingo prizes in early March. According to Mrs. H. H. Holliday, "*It takes so many each Sunday for the bingo games that we can hardly keep up with them.*" The club also gave grand prizes, "*Four more service men received bingo grand prizes of long-distance calls last Sunday, although one of the calls did not go through. It was the call made by Pfc. Robert F. Cook, who was trying to put through a call to Milwaukee, Wis.*" The money for calls was donated by Scott Moore, Dr. C. R. Donley, Jess Witten and Rubey's flower club, the Crape Myrtle Unit. Rubey, June and 15 other women donated sandwiches for the Sunday discussed in the newspaper. Twelve women visited the USO club including Stanley's sisters, Hazel Brooks and June Lane. Rubey also donated a cake for this Sunday meeting.

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In June, the newspaper reported that the 7th War Loan Drive was only at 50% of its quota with sales of \$125,949.50 in E Bonds, "A *'last chance' drive will begin here Monday. We have a group of workers who are willing to stick until the task is finished.*" Stanley was a worker in the business district under Neil Dikeman and Joe W. McBride. Charlie Lane was the Block Leader for block 54, where Stanley and Rubey lived. After the drive and a one-week extension, the E-Bond sales increased to almost \$213,000, 85% of the quota.<sup>1223</sup>

There was a lot of rain in the area for the June 10th USO Club but it didn't stop the calls home for visiting soldiers...<sup>1224</sup>

Charles Yarbrough calling Kanapolis, NC

- Sergeant Contrue calling North Brookfield, Mass
- Pfc. Steve Grove calling St. Louis
- Pvt. Ed Moreno calling Los Angeles
- Pvt. George Fisher calling Alexandria, VA

Calls home were awarded to grand prize winners in the Sunday Bingo game. The calls were donated by Charles Pollock. Refreshments for the day were provided by...<sup>1225</sup>

Edith Reed	Bernice Helm	Hazel Brooks	Vera McGrath
Mary Jane Price	Helen Long	Rubey Hall	Rubey Lee Low

The USO Bingo games were cancelled later in June until the weather cooled the next October. Throughout the time of the games, 143 soldiers and sailors who spent time at the Anadarko club received long-distance telephone calls. "The name 'Anadarko' has become a word meaning 'friendliness and hospitality' where these service men are concerned," according to Mrs. H. H. Holliday, "The USO Club here has treated visiting service men as guests, not customers." Rubey and June were mentioned as two of forty-eight people who donated refreshments between Christmas and the end of June.<sup>1226</sup>

In October, Stanley served on a team of volunteers to collect a \$3,200 quota assigned to Anadarko for the 'War Chest.' Stanley was paired with Clark Boyles to work in the downtown area. Eleven other pairs of men worked in the downtown area as well. June Lane covered Block 54 on West Oklahoma where Stanley and Rubey lived.<sup>1227</sup>

In November, Stanley was one worker out of thirty-eight named to work on the Major Victory Loan Drive, "A major Victory Loan drive will open in Anadarko Thursday for what Clark Boyles, city drive chairman, hopes will climax Anadarko's participation in eight major bond selling campaigns." Only the downtown area was covered by the workers; residential areas were to be covered only if they didn't reach their quota in the business area.<sup>1228</sup> By December 4th, the drive was at about 55% of its \$125,550 quota and at 67% by December 7th. A full-page ad sponsored by forty downtown businesses recalled Pearl Harbor and answered the question, "Why should I buy bonds now that the war is over?"<sup>1229</sup>

**1946:** In March, Stanley and fifty other workers went to a kick-off breakfast for the Red Cross drive at the community building. The drive was to be for one day only to collect a \$3,500 quota, half the 1945 quota. Two chairs managed the workers: Asa Jenkins in the residential area and George Trotter in the downtown business district. Stanley worked for Trotter downtown. June Lane worked for Jenkins, probably on the 600 block of West Oklahoma and Broadway.<sup>1230</sup>

In November there was a drive to benefit the USO, "Mrs. Ruby Trotter, chamber of commerce secretary who will have charge of women solicitors in the residential areas. Mrs. Trotter said she would ask the aid of the wartime block leader organization." The goal was to raise \$700 for the USO. Stanley was listed among 34 people working the downtown area.<sup>1231</sup>

In May, Rubey and Stanley were one of eighty-five sponsors on a full-page Memorial Day ad honoring veterans, The Tallent-Gassaway Post, the VFW Auxiliary, VFW Post Officers and Gold Star mothers.<sup>1232</sup>

**1947:** The Red Cross drive started in early March when Stanley was named to cover the First State Bank block by Chairman Harry Dugger. The quota for Anadarko was \$1,900 out of a total \$4,700 Caddo county quota. Workers were assigned individual blocks in the downtown and the residential area was divided between clubs similar to the Boy Scout drive conducted the month before. This time Rubey's flower club got involved...<sup>1233</sup>

Business and Professional Women .....	All of Central Boulevard
Curtis Williams .....	Courthouse
Elvin Callaway .....	Callaway block
Crape Myrtle Unit.....	Kentucky
Iris Unit.....	Virginia
Lily Unit .....	George
Chrysanthemum .....	Alabama
Rose Unit .....	Louisiana
Gladiola Unit .....	Texas
Kiwanis Club .....	East of First Street
Rotary .....	West of First Street north of Central
E. E. Weaver .....	Lincoln School
Robin R. Dean.....	Riverside Indian School

**1948:** The American Red Cross drive opened on March 18th and Stanley was involved again. The goal was \$5,000 and the group held a kickoff breakfast at the community building. The Red Cross provided over \$650,000 to help rebuild the panhandle area after tornadoes during the spring of 1947, *"If the Red Cross is to continue the outstanding work they have accomplished in previous years, we must continue to give, and give generously."* Ralph Rose was the Anadarko chair for this effort and assigned thirty-seven members of the Kiwanis club to help including Stanley.<sup>1234</sup>

**1950:** World War II was still fresh on the minds of many in Anadarko. A full-page advertisement on May 26th encouraged people to *"Buy a Buddy Poppy"* and over 250 people and businesses were listed in support of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In addition to Rubey and Stanley, Ruth and Bruce Dutcher also supported this effort. Some other business names that I recognize include...<sup>1235</sup>

Wilson's Bar-B-Q	American Savings and Loan
Jay's Drive Inn	George's Department Store
West Hardware	Blue Goose
Sunshine Candy Kitchen	Jarvis Furniture

A donation drive for the 'Battery B Canteen Fund' was held in Anadarko in August, *"The campaign will bring together efforts of all city civic clubs and will be measured as a tribute to Anadarko's national guard unit, which goes on active duty next week."* It was a 'porch light' effort where people who wanted to donate left their lights on from 7:30pm until a worker arrived. Stanley, Fred Harrison and Bob Smith were named as treasurers.<sup>1236</sup>

Four days after the drive for Battery B, Stanley was involved with another effort to help a member of the 45th, Lonnie Armstrong. Lonnie lived just a few doors west of our house and he was about to be deployed. Armstrong was trying to put a new roof on his house before the 45th left for active duty, but weather and friendliness of the town was causing problems, *"I started in plenty of time to finish the job, but every time one of my neighbors or friends would pass, there'd have to be conversation and I'd quit work to talk."* It looked like the house would be left half shingled. Don Bell lived across the alley and came over to help, *"Stanley Hall, who*

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*takes blame for using a lot of Armstrong's work time with conversation, added his helping hands the next day. Heldon Karns and Jack Carter joined the next day and Charlie Lane came the next. The house was finished by Sunday and on Tuesday there was a shingle party at the Armstrongs with Woody and Kate Cyrus, Arlie and Wanda Smith, Bruce and Ruth Dutcher and Rubey and Stanley." At this party, they removed the shingles from the roof just before it started to rain. Stanley and Lonnie's wife started putting on shingles and then Lonnie and a couple of his buddies showed up to finish the job.*<sup>1237</sup>

**1951:** The Anadarko Red Cross drive started in early April. Wren Graham chaired the group again. Anadarko's quota was \$1,500 of the total county goal of \$4,716. Stanley was listed as one of the county officers, but the article doesn't state offices for any of those named. Thirty-three workers were appointed territories to cover.<sup>1238</sup>

**1952:** In September, hundreds of Anadarko citizens donated more than 37 gallons of blood to the 'Blood for Defense' program. According to the drive co-chair, Stan Stonum, "...some of you may receive a personal thank you from the boy who receives your blood because your name is there on the bottle. He may, if he is able, ask a medic to write your name down for him and then write to you later, after your blood has given him life." Stanley was among those who donated blood that day.<sup>1239</sup>

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## Chamber of Commerce 1943 - 1963

**1943:** Just before Christmas, Stanley helped the Anadarko Chamber of Commerce with their membership drive, "*In a surprise assault, crews of Anadarko chamber of commerce members Monday morning will invade 21 assigned districts to receive fund pledges for 1944 civic organization activities.*" The chamber budget was \$6,500, a \$1,500 increase over the previous year. Oris Barney divided the town into 27 districts and each team of workers was expected to complete their assignment in about an hour. Stanley was assigned to district 5B from the cafe west to the First State Bank, west half of the block to the alley. He partnered with Fred Harrison.<sup>1240</sup>

**1944:** Stanley was appointed to the membership committee again in early December. The membership drive started with breakfast in the community building. Ten people were appointed to five groups of two each. Stanley served on group five with Willa May Nicholas.<sup>1241</sup>

**1945:** The list of 17 committees for 1945 was published on February 13th. Stanley was appointed to the Employees' Benefit committee along with seven others under Arthur Mason, chair.<sup>1242</sup>

**1947:** The chamber met in mid-January to organize for the new year. Headlining the year was a move to "...establish feeder-line aviation services at the new airport." Besides the airport work, seventeen committees were named...

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| 1. Indian Exposition, Robin Dean, Chair                    | 9. Parks and Equipment, E. M. Roberts, Chair         |
| 2. State Road Development, Sen Theodore Pruett, Chair      | 10. Rodeo, Houston Tice, Chair                       |
| 3. Farm-to-market Road Development, Thomas M. Moran, Chair | 11. Golf, Ralph Williams, Chair                      |
| 4. Housing, Dan Jackson, Chair                             | 12. AAU Boxing Tournament, Dr. H. H. Holliday, Chair |
| 5. Planning, Otis DeGraffenreid, Chair                     | 13. Trace Promotion, George Trotter, Chair           |
| 6. Recreation, Dr. G. C. Campbell, Chair                   | 14. Industrial Development, Albert Connel, Chair     |
| 7. Baseball, C. C. Reece, Chair                            | 15. Washita River Reclamation, Don E. Baldwin, Chair |
| 8. Softball, Vernie Bailess, Chair                         |  |

16. Auditing, Ruth Cox, Chair

Stanley was appointed to the housing committee along with Otis DeGraffenreid, Fred Adkins, F. V. Jones, W. V. Rousey, Fred Harrison and Bud Harmel. The housing committee was led by Dan Jackson, chairman.<sup>1243</sup>

The Chamber membership drive kicked off in early December. The drive had already netted over \$5,000 out of the almost \$10,000 goal from 101 renewals. Stanley was one of sixty delegates who called on existing members for renewal and prospective new members.<sup>1244</sup>

**1949:** In mid-November, the Chamber had a parade through the downtown that carried a ballot box so that members could come out into the street and vote on a slate of directors. Twenty names were on the ballot for seven open positions. Stanley was listed among the members eligible to vote.<sup>1245</sup>

**1950:** After the new directors were in place, the Chamber appointed committees. Besides the committees that carried over from 1949, the group added a nine-member committee to plan a 50th anniversary celebration of the settlement of Anadarko. Stanley was assigned to the agriculture committee with J. C. Weber as its chair. Others serving this committee include...

J. M. Jackson	Howard Carter	E. H. Melencamp
Elmer Mannschreck	Jack Deason	Frazier O'Rear
Karl Douglass	Albin Nixon	R. L. Friedman
Dr. Perry Corbin	Tom Duffey	Marvin Stack
Vernon Martin	Walter Skaggs	Jack McClain
I. F. Fearing	E. C. Hedrick	

In November, Stanley was nominated to be on the board of directors for 1951. A total of 20 Chamber members were on the ballot and write-in votes were allowed.<sup>1246</sup> Before the election, the group traveled to Altus to tour a project there and Stanley was one of the people selling tickets.<sup>1247</sup> On the 27th, the votes were counted and Stanley became a member of the incoming board. He served with Esmond Weber, Otis DeGraffenreid, Frank Elkouri, Clarence Cross, Newt Spradlin, Johnny Youngheim and Bob Smith. This was Stanley's first term on the board.<sup>1248</sup>

In December, the board organized itself and Stanley was elected treasurer.<sup>1249</sup> He and the other officers were named in the paper with photos.<sup>1250</sup>

**1951:** In early January, the Chamber started selling tickets to the annual banquet and Stanley was mentioned as the treasurer under G. C. Bauman, president and Newt Spradlin, vice president. They took office at the banquet.<sup>1251</sup>

In June, the Chamber discussed starting a payroll deduction defense bond program. Under the program, people could opt to donate regularly through a deduction from their payroll check. Harry Cook chaired the city defense bond committee. Stanley led the payroll deduction program.<sup>1252</sup> The plan was complete and implemented by July 1st and the city announced a successful completion of the drive, *"Anadarko will become a Defense Bond Flag City following successful completion of the drive Friday to install the defense bond payroll savings plan in firms here..."* According to Harry Cook, *"100 percent cooperation was obtained from Anadarko firms. Only 80 percent was required."* Stanley was named as one of three contacts for any other business firms that wanted to join.<sup>1253 1254</sup>

The Chamber election was set for November 26 and 20 candidates were nominated again. Seven new directors were to be elected from the 20 candidates; Stanley was one of eight elected last year who carried over to 1952.<sup>1255</sup>

**1952:** At the Chamber banquet on January 16th, Ruth Cox took over treasurer duties from Stanley and he continued his second year on the board.<sup>1256</sup> The Chamber fund drive started the next day and Stanley was one of twenty-seven appointed to work on the drive.<sup>1257</sup> A week later, he joined the retail and trade promotion committee chaired by John Youngheim.<sup>1258</sup>



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In February, Mrs. Harry Hart was rehired as the Chamber manager. The group heard reports from various chairs regarding "*...the hotel, Hall of Fame, amphitheater and the acquisition of buffalo to be owned by the city.*" Stanley was among the fourteen board members present at the meeting.<sup>1259</sup>

In July, the Chamber offices moved to 116 1/2 East Broadway, "*...in the building formerly occupied by the Vanity Beauty shop.*" The offices had been above Connel's Drug store for a few months after spending more than ten years at Broadway and First. Stanley, Waldo Zerger and Otis DeGraffenreid served on the committee to find and obtain the building for the Chamber.<sup>1260</sup>

A new board was elected in November and Stanley was replaced because it was the second year of his two-year term. New directors R. R. Jackson, Truman Melton, Loyn Marvel, Wallace Kidd, Wesley Spencer, Tip Couch, R. R. Clark and Chuck Goodwin. These new directors replaced Johnny Youngheim, Esmond Weber, Otis DeGraffenreid, Frank Elkouri, Clarence Cross, Stanley Hall, Robert Smith and Newt Spradlin.<sup>1261</sup>

**1954:** About a third of the Chamber budget came from membership renewals and there was a drive for the other two-thirds, \$7,600. Personal calls were being made by volunteers led by John Stalder and Stanley, chairs of the finance and membership committees respectively.<sup>1262</sup> Stanley and John finished up with a 'clean up' drive ten days later to contact all members who had not been contacted earlier.<sup>1263</sup>

In October, Chamber president, Esmond Weber, appointed a public relations committee to greet teachers at the Caddo-Comanche county annual workshop. Stanley was one of six appointed to the group.<sup>1264</sup>

**1955:** In early January, the chamber organized itself under incoming president, Chuck Rutterford. Stanley was appointed to the agricultural committee under co-chairs Frazier O'Rear and Harold Reese. Other members of that committee were John Dawes, Lewis Elliott, Walter Harrington, Harold Liles, Elmer Mannschreck, Loyn Marvel, Dave Nixon Jr., Robert J. Stephens and Leland Tripp.<sup>1265</sup>

**1956:** The Chamber budget was set at \$25,000 this year. Almost half had been pledged before an early March drive was begun. Raymond Brooks was the finance chair in charge of the effort, "*With the recent approval of the Cobb creek project and prospects for new industry, Anadarko must be prepared to expand and develop in the near future.*". Twelve teams of two each were assigned to call on the downtown district. Stanley was teamed with Howard Carter.<sup>1266</sup>

In October, Stanley was nominated to be on the chamber board for another term.<sup>1267</sup>

**1957:** In May, Stanley was mentioned in an advertisement that details 'Investor Information on Return With \$5,000.00 Loan' and I can't make any sense of it. The ad appears to be sponsored by the housing committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the savings and loan.<sup>1268</sup>

Alan Haight was elected president for the coming year at a meeting held at Ruth and Harry's Cafe. Stanley was named to the auditing committee to audit the books at the end of the year.<sup>1269</sup>

**1959:** In October, just a week after joining the Kiwanis board, Stanley was elected to the board of the Chamber to serve with Andy Anderson, May Miller, Don Baldwin and Lyle Griffis, Wallace Kidd, Bill Cowans, Charles Lovell, Paul Stonum, Neil Dikeman, Albert Connel and Leslie Pain.<sup>1270</sup>

**1960:** In February, Harold Reese, the stock show chair at the chamber, announced the members of his committee and workers for the show...<sup>1271</sup>

John Dawes	Stanley Hall	Harold Liles	Loyn Marvel
Lewis Elliott	Walter Harrington	Elmer Mannschreck	Dave Nixon

Robert Griffith  
James Freie  
Wilbur Tripp  
J. M. Jackson

Truman Melton  
Albin Nixon  
Ed Melencamp  
Jack Deason

Jack McLane  
Dr. Jesse Walker  
Bill Rift  
Heab Armstrong

James Crha  
Sears Koch Jr.

Stanley was a hold-over director this year and his two-year term continued into next year without standing for election in October.<sup>1272</sup>

In early November the newspaper listed 14 members eligible to be the next president including all new and hold-over directors. Two days later, Stanley was elected to be the 1961 president of the Chamber, *"Hall was elected at a joint meeting of new, hold-over and retiring directors of the civic organization Tuesday."* He replaced outgoing president Neil Dikeman.<sup>1273</sup>

**1961:** Wallace Kidd commented early in the year about the transfer of leadership to Stanley, *"It will be a different start for this community's civic program than has been possible in recent years, thanks to the watchful eye of N. J. Dikeman, retiring chamber of commerce president. Incoming president Stanley Hall will find his chamber organization debt free and funds on hand to assure a pay-as-you-go operation until the 1961 membership drive is completed."*<sup>1274</sup> A few days later, Stanley announced committee appointments for the year<sup>1275</sup> and ticket sales for the annual banquet started.<sup>1276</sup> At the Chamber banquet, Bill Boykin spoke about Indian City. He thanked Indian City officials *"...for lending a teepee which was set up in the Grande Hotel lobby in Paris, France, during last year's [Junior Chamber International] World Congress."* He discussed the role of Indian City in securing the international Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting for Oklahoma in 1962. Stanley *"...presented a plaque honoring the past year's service to Neil Dikeman, outgoing president..."* and introduced the newly elected board of directors.<sup>1277</sup> Stanley also announced that Anadarko had been entered into the 1961 Oklahoma Community Achievement Contest sponsored by the Oklahoma State Department of Commerce and Industry. He *"...pledged the city's participation in a state-wide program at a meeting in Lawton..."*<sup>1278</sup>

The budget committee led by Waldo Zerger set a budget of almost \$15,000, \$2000 more than 1960. The increased budget was targeted toward tourism, Industry, retail trade and Indian affairs.<sup>1279</sup>

Two-thirds of the budget had been paid or pledged by the middle of March. According to Stanley, *"...the membership and finance committee, headed by Waldo Zerger, intends to make a final mail appeal before a personal contact campaign is initiated."*<sup>1280</sup>

In late May the newspaper took notice of Stanley, *"Incidentally: ...Stanley Hall takes his job as president of the Anadarko Chamber of Commerce seriously at times. He was out doing the work of his civic improvements committee the other afternoon, chopping at weeds which were growing through a downtown sidewalk"*<sup>1281</sup>

Stanley published a welcome to tourists visiting the American Indian Exposition in August, *"...hopes to help in any way we can to make their stay more pleasant, whether it be for a day or a year, during August or January."*<sup>1282</sup>

In October a new board election was held. Stanley was held over to the past-president position even though he had already served a two-year term.<sup>1283 1284</sup> The board met in November to elect a new board president for 1962.<sup>1285</sup>

**1962:** There seemed to be some tension on the board at the beginning of the year. A January 9th article in the newspaper is titled 'Still No Date Set for City Banquet' When a banquet committee was appointed, Johnny Youngheim said, *"...he and the 1961 president, Stanley Hall, had not talked about the banquet. If you gentlemen want a banquet, I'd suggest we appoint a committee to take care of it."* Banquet tickets were already on sale by this time in 1961. Youngheim also suggested a lack of cooperation and communication between members during Stanley's term and seemed to lecture the group, *"...forget our jealousies and try to work*

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*together. Some members don't even know where the office is...We are at rock-bottom now; we need industry in Anadarko. Furthermore, we need to inform the public more about chamber activities. Some people don't know what the chamber is for."* At the end of the talk he said, *"If at any time I feel that I'm not helping Anadarko, I'll resign."* At the same meeting, Youngheim appointed Stanley to be a member of the budget committee along with chair, Roy Hall.<sup>1286</sup>

I am not certain what the controversy was about in early 1962. I checked 1961 and 1962 newspapers; both Stanley's and Johnny's presidencies seemed ordinary to me. In terms of communications with the public, the chamber had 104 newspaper mentions during Stanley's term. That compares favorably with previous years...

<u>Year</u>	<u>Newspaper Mentions</u>
1957 .....	66
1958 .....	113
1959 .....	72
1960 .....	82
1961 .....	104
1962 .....	70

The years before and after this period were outliers with 176 mentions in 1956 when Albert Connel was president and 212 in 1963 when Dr. A. C. Roberson was president. The Cobb Creek project got a lot of attention in 1956 and Connel was Anadarko's leader in that project. In 1963, there were a lot of articles about the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Sequoya Mills was being developed which increased the number of mentions.<sup>1287</sup>

There is one thing between Stanley and Johnny that could be the cause of some friction. Stanley bought the farm south of town in 1959 and it was swampy, a cutoff part of the old river bed, that still drained the wetlands below Indian City. Stanley's vision was to fill the low parts and turn the swamp into productive land. One problem with that plan is that it would block the flow of water off of Youngheim's property directly south across the road. In fact, the water made an 'S' shaped curve from Stanley's south property line under the road to Youngheim's property and west under the main highway to the next property. Any fill or blockage would likely flood Youngheim's house and another house across the highway. I think there were some heated discussions about this issue between Johnny and Stanley. Stanley finally left the low part of his property for the water to flow and filled the areas around it with discarded peanut hulls provided for free by the peanut mill in town.

There were an estimated 180 people at the banquet on February 8th.<sup>1288</sup> Stanley remained on the board as the past president.<sup>1289</sup>

**1963:** Dr. A. C. Roberson was installed as the Chamber president in January. Stanley was introduced as a past president.<sup>1290</sup>

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## PTA / P-TA 1944 – 1957

Early references to the Parent-Teacher Association were made using the acronym P-TA and later references use PTA.

**1944:** Rubey participated in PTA and attended the first West Grade meeting in September. The group raised membership dues from 25 cents to 35 cents per year. They also discussed physical examinations for every student in the school. Rubey was appointed chair of the membership committee with Mrs. F. F. Andrews and Mrs. C. H. Lane as members. After F. F. Andrews introduced the teachers, tea was served by Rubey and June Lane.<sup>1291</sup>

**1950:** The East Grade PTA had a registration tea in October and officers were announced. Rubey was named hospitality chair for the group under the president, Ruby Trotter.<sup>1292</sup>

**1951:** *"The East Grade P-TA met February 12 at the junior high school building for a Founder's Day program and Tea."* They held a brief business meeting to talk about 1951 projects. Kate Cyrus sang 'Galway Bay' accompanied by Mrs. C. F. Beecham. Rubey and Mrs. K. C. Finch, Mrs. Oris Barney and Francie Schaub served tea to about fifty people at the meeting.<sup>1293</sup>

In October Rubey was selected to be one of the home room representatives for the eighth grade. She and Mrs. J. B. Miles supported the teacher, Albert Bunch and the chair of the group, Mrs. Royal Hassrick. A similar group was appointed for every grade. During the first meeting of the larger group at the Presbyterian church, *"...the representatives outlined their year's work and are planning to have home room parties for each holiday."*<sup>1294</sup>

**1953:** In April, Rubey traveled to Oklahoma City with a group of junior high students and their teacher, Mrs. Fred Ikard, *"...the class visited the capitol, historical buildings and state patrol headquarters. They were introduced to the senate by Senator Don Baldwin and to the house by Representatives Charley Long and F. H. Moorehead."*<sup>1295</sup> The group got an unexpected surprise, *"While visiting the legislature, the group got there just in time to hear the OCW chorus and the star of the stage play 'Oklahoma' do their stuff. The singers were plugging the song 'Oklahoma' in an effort to get it named the state's official song..."*<sup>1296</sup>

*"A child's playhouse at Anadarko West Grade school has become a landmark for over 500 Anadarko young men and women whose first preparation for the responsibilities of adulthood date back to the first grade."* After fourteen years of use, the playhouse was refurbished with the help of homeroom moms Mrs. Carlus Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Schrock, Mrs. Bob Percy, Mrs. Skeet Gregory, Mrs. Stanley Hall and Mrs. C. R. Donley.<sup>1297</sup>

**1956:** After being inactive for the last 18 months, a PTA was organized at both Sunset and East Grade schools in February. The earlier organization was for all grade schools. Rubey was on the nominating committee for Sunset School where I attended first grade.<sup>1298</sup> Committees were appointed a couple of weeks later and Rubey was the chair of the budget committee.<sup>1299</sup>

**1957:** A carnival was held at Sunset School on Halloween. I was in Mrs. Ray's third grade class that year. Paul Bailey, principal, said, *"The carnival itself has two purposes.: first to entertain the children and second to finance a PTA project -- an intercom system for the school."* A men's style show was held, *"Appropriate background music for each costume will be played as the models strut across the stage in the auditorium."* A number of other shows were held including...<sup>1300</sup>

Hoop game	Country store	Hot dog stand
Spin the wheel	Makeup room	Grab bag
Dart game	Ball game	Doll walks
Men only show	Popcorn concession	Cake & coffee stand
Women only show	Fortune telling	Candy stand
Spook room	Bingo	
Cake walk	Sweet shop	

I only remember the spook room where they had peeled grapes for gross eyeballs and the cake walk where one of us won a cake. Rubey and Bob Schrock's mother ran the bingo game.<sup>1301</sup>

## Junior Livestock Show 1945 - 1963

**1945:** Stanley helped with the livestock show for several years. In 1945, Wallace Kidd included a short paragraph about the people who volunteered to run this event, *"After the Sale: One person could not begin to cover all the persons who gave lots of time and labor to the success of the Junior Livestock Show and Auction but off hand we are going to try to catch a few...The idea of these few credits is to show, by example, why communities get things done. It takes people who know how, who are unselfish, who want to contribute a part of make a success. They seldom make the headlines, are never wined and dined, but, if it wasn't for these people this would be a dead, dead place indeed...Neil and Bernice Dikeman, Stanley Hall and Mrs. Ed Vaughan are the master minds of auction sales bookkeeping. They know their stuff ' and are becoming so efficient that a tiny error makes them blush for shame. Elmer Mannschreck, and two other guys, whose names slip us right now, can pull bids out of buyers like telling a highly trained dog to sit up and shake hands. George Stephens is one of the best hog movers we've seen. Mud doesn't bother him any more than it does the hog."*<sup>1302</sup>

**1948:** Stanley and Truman Melton were listed as cashiers for the Junior Livestock Show in early March. The show was held in tents this year for some reason and this caused some changes to the agenda; the Kiwanis barbecue was not held.<sup>1303</sup>

**1949:** Stanley was scheduled to work as a cashier for the Junior Livestock Show on March 8th and 9th, but I was born on the 9th. I suspect he was able to skip at least the 9th as there were two other cashiers on duty, Truman Melton and Doris Vaughn.<sup>1304</sup>

**1951:** Officials for the show were named in early March. Stanley, Albin Nixon, Walter Harrington and Arch Lear served as superintendents of hogs and sheep. The show was sponsored by the chamber of commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions clubs and local businesses.<sup>1305</sup>

Stanley was program chair at Kiwanis and asked some of the students to present a program at Kiwanis about their trip to the national barrow show in Minnesota. They did a presentation in late September.<sup>1306</sup>

**1952:** Just a week after the March of Dimes basketball game, on March 14th, Stanley worked the livestock show as one of the swine and sheep superintendents along with Walter Harrington, Harold Reese and Arch Lear. This group did a large part of the work as there were three hundred ninety-nine pigs and hogs, forty-six cattle and eight lambs.<sup>1307</sup>

**1953:** Stanley was working with swine and sheep again this year along with Walter Harrington, Harold Reese, and Arch Lear. Albin Nixon led the group.<sup>1308</sup> By early March, 342 animals from twelve Caddo county towns had been entered into the show.<sup>1309</sup>

*"Incidentally: Stanley Hall is probably ready to face anything and everything that comes along in the future, after finding it just doesn't pay to turn your back at all anymore. Hall walked all over the fairgrounds during the junior livestock show here Friday with a show ribbon pinned to his back. The ribbon tagged Stanley as fifth-place winner in the sucker division, lambs..."*<sup>1310</sup>

**1954:** In March, the Chamber of Commerce started contacting judges for the livestock show. Stanley was one of the committee members at the Chamber. He was also one of the superintendents, Sheep and Cattle with Albin Nixon, Walter Harrington, Harold Reese, Bill Rife, and Robert Stephens. That group was in charge of weighing and numbering animals. The Chamber agriculture committee met at Vaught's restaurant to finalize livestock show, Stanley was a member of the committee,<sup>1311 1312</sup>

At the end of April, Stanley and five other men were made honorary members of the Future Farmers of America, *"...membership was conferred on the candidates for their outstanding*



contribution to promotion of FFA projects and for their interest and support of the farm youth program." Those initiated were...<sup>1313</sup>

Frazier O'Rear  
Stanley Hall

Dr. Marvin Jared  
Vernon Leach

B. F. Johnson  
Harold Reese

**1955:** In January there was some discussion at the Chamber of Commerce about discontinuing the sale of livestock after the county show. After a meeting with FFA instructors across the county, it was decided to continue with the sale. All auctioneers in the county were invited to participate; Stanley and Robert Stephens were appointed to coordinate with interested auctioneers.<sup>1314</sup> Late in January, the Chamber agriculture committee set the dates for the junior livestock show for March 9th and 10th. All members of the committee were present including Stanley.<sup>1315</sup>

The Caddo Swine Breeder sale was held at the fairgrounds in early November. The group sold 96 pigs at an average of \$9 per head. Elmer Mannschreck, president of the group, was quoted, *"Thanks go to the county fair board for providing the fairgrounds, to Stanley Hall of the American Savings and Loan association, who assisted the association by clerking the sale, and to Carl Wanzor, Carnegie, the auctioneer of the sale."*<sup>1316</sup>

**1956:** The agriculture committee of the Chamber of Commerce was recognized for helping the Junior Livestock Show for the past nineteen years. Stanley was a member of this committee under Harold Reese, chair. He was also mentioned as a member of the show committee of the livestock show under Elmer Mannschreck, chair. Many of the same men worked on the show every year.<sup>1317</sup> The 'Incidentally' column called out Stanley and Harold Reese, *"Harold Reese and Stanley Hall who are both down in their backs from weighing animals at the junior livestock show yesterday really had some boasting to do last night. They were kidding another man about his wife being the real boss at his house. In fact, Stanley and Harold both acted as though they are the boss around their place..."*<sup>1318</sup>

In April, four new honorary members were added to the FFA at the annual banquet: J. M. Jackson, Truman Melton, Walter Harrington and Luitt Miller. These four made a total of fourteen honorary members including Stanley. He was also introduced as the school board clerk during this meeting. After dinner, the Ozard Mountain Boys entertained the crowd.<sup>1319</sup>

The Ozard Mountain Boys was a group that included Herman Myers, Paul Wilkerson, Jerry Wilkins and J. T. McCasland. On this occasion, Tisha Potts sang with them. Tisha was twelve years old at the time. She, along with the Rosebud Orchestra and Chorus, recorded two songs for RCA the next year under the Rose Label...

- 'Daddy Don't Say No'
- 'Writin' Early This Year'

Tisha and Harold Todd still have a company called 'Tisha Todd Ministries,' a non-profit located in Anadarko that was established in 1980.<sup>1320</sup>

**1957:** I didn't find any mentions of Stanley related to the livestock show in 1957 but he probably was there.

**1958:** in January, officials were named and it might be that there was no show in 1957, *"Most committees and officials remained the same as for the 1956 show."* Stanley was named as a swine superintendent along with Walter Harrington, Bill Rife, Bob Stephens and Lewis Elliott. John Dawes chaired the group.<sup>1321</sup> Stanley also served as treasurer of the banquet, *"...a total of nearly 300 tickets for the banquet had been sold. With exhibitors, this would mean attendance of well over 400 at the banquet."*<sup>1322</sup>

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**1959:** In March, Stanley was one of the swine superintendents at the 22nd annual stock show. Others with the same title were Walter Harrington, Bill Rife, and Lewis Elliott. Albin Nixon chaired the group. Stanley was one of the designated ticket salesmen for the event.<sup>1323</sup>

**1961:** In January, Stanley was appointed to a group to help raise money for a bonus premium for the Junior Livestock Show. Contact with potential donors was made by two man teams...<sup>1324</sup>

Heab Armstrong and Walter Harrington

Ab Nixon and Harold Reece

Dave Nixon and Loyn Marvel

Stanley Hall and Elmer Mannschreck

J. M. Jackson and Jack Deason

**1962:** Three days after taking a committee assignment from the national savings and loan league, Stanley was appointed one of the swine superintendents at the livestock show.<sup>1325</sup>

**1963:** Albin Nixon led the swine superintendents again this year assisted by Stanley, Walter Harrington, Bill Rife and Lewis Elliott.<sup>1326</sup>

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## Fund Raising 1946 - 1954

**1946:** Stanley served on the Walter Harrington's ticket committee for the third annual Caddo county rodeo which was held July 19th-21st. Members of the committee included...

Raymond Friedman

Bob West

Rollin Hutchins

Asa Jenkins

Charles Steverson

Tom Bassett

Aubrey Finley

Stanley Hall

Eleven clubs were invited to participate in the parade and rodeo including...

Pioneer

Oklahoma City

Norman

Hydro

Chickasha

Hobart

Ada

Mangum

Lawton

Apache

Purcell

The rodeo was sponsored by the Range Riders club, Perry Corbin, secretary.<sup>1327</sup>

**1947:** In January, Stanley was listed among fifty-two others on the honor roll as contributors to the infantile paralysis and polio campaign.<sup>1328</sup>

**1948:** In mid-September, Stanley was busy selling tickets to the Anadarko football games. A group of forty canvassed the city to sell 400 season tickets at \$3.05 for all five home games. Single game tickets were set at \$0.75 per game.<sup>1329</sup> The group exceeded their target by selling 429 tickets.<sup>1330</sup>

**1949:** Stanley helped the high school sell season tickets again. The goal this year was increased to 500. The price remained at \$3.05 for all home games including Walters, Lawton, Erick, Temple and El Reno. Stanley was a member of one of the three teams named.<sup>1331</sup>

**1950:** Stanley was among about twenty-five in the downtown area who volunteered to help with the cancer drive in April. It was to be a "...one-day sweep of the downtown and outlying business areas of the city."<sup>1332</sup>

**1952:** The March of Dimes drive sponsored a basketball game between the Kiwanis and Lions clubs of Anadarko. The game was held at the National Guard armory at the west end of Oklahoma street. "*Kiwanis club members are to wear orange basketball shirts while Lions club members are to wear purple ones.*" There were four Kiwanis teams named and Stanley was on team three with...<sup>1333</sup>

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
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Bill McDuffey.....	Forward
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J. M. Jackson .....	Forward
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Paul Kearns.....	Center
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Marvin Jared .....	Guard
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Stanley Hall .....	Guard
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George Cox was the Kiwanian's head coach. Assistant coaches, Floyd Butler, Frank Elkouri and Neil Timmers, were "...responsible for setting up the game so that head coach will have nothing to worry about."

**1954:** The Kiwanis club was in charge of collections for the March of Dimes. Fourteen two- or three-person teams were to make calls on businesses in the downtown area in mid-January. Stanley and Frank Elkouri were responsible for the area "...from Kandy Kitchen north to Main, south side of 100-block west Main and south to Lacey Pioneer Abstract Co."<sup>1334</sup> The Philomathic, Sorosis and Delphian clubs joined the effort to organize a porch-light drive in the residential areas of Anadarko.<sup>1335</sup> By the 24th, Waldo Zerger reported contributions of \$525 including \$400 from Anadarko businesses and \$103 from Riverside Indian school and \$14 from a benefit basketball game.<sup>1336</sup> The drive was to continue through the end of January and many other organizations supported the cause with money and benefit events into February.

The March of Dimes was established in 1938 to research and treat polio, a disease that crippled about a fourth of the children who caught the virus.<sup>1337</sup> In the early 1950s polio rates were above 25,000 annually. Jonas Salk developed the first effective vaccine in 1952. By February 1954, vaccines were being tested, "...in trials involving up to a million second-grade school children in Oklahoma and the other states..." Salk's vaccine was licensed in 1955 and campaigns to vaccinate school children were launched.<sup>1338</sup> By 2022, there were only thirty confirmed cases in three countries.<sup>1339</sup>

## Boy Scouts 1947 - 1955

**1947:** Stanley was named in association with the Boy Scouts for the first time in February 1947, apparently because Lynn was old enough to participate. The City Chairman, Vernon Martin, assigned workers to collect, "...a minimum of \$2,500..." to carry out the local Scouting program. Stanley was assigned to help canvas the business district for donations. Thirty others also worked the downtown area. The residential areas were covered by several organizations...<sup>1340</sup>

Business and Professional Women .....All of Central Boulevard  
Kiwanis Club .....East of First Street  
Rotary .....West section north of Central  
Ministerial Alliance .....South of Central

In the middle of October, Stanley was elected cub master with Loren Helm as his assistant and Clark Boyles as a committee member. As cub master, Stanley's group decided to meet each month on the first Tuesday at 7:30 in the West Grade Auditorium. Stanley was previously one of four committee members of the scout group under the leadership of Sam Wilhite. June Lane and three other den mothers were at this meeting as well.<sup>1341</sup>

**1948:** Starting on February 6th during Boy Scout week Stanley and 40 other boosters volunteered to "make contact of every citizen." No financial quota was established. Stanley was named as one of the boosters, along with his brother-in-law Raymond Brooks and his old boss Klon Somers. Stanley also served "...as auditor for the campaign."<sup>1342</sup>

**1949:** In late March, Royal Hassrick, chairman, and Stanley, Cubmaster, presided over the pack meeting at the West Grade auditorium. Six scouts received bobcat pins. Lynn got a one year service star and a 1949 membership certificate. Rubey may have been there, but the article doesn't specify parents except that it was a record attendance of parents.<sup>1343</sup>

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In April, Ike Fearing, Boy Scout camping chair, named members of Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary to help with a Scout camporee. It was to be a large camp of scouts from eleven counties at Riverside Lake. Stanley was among 30 Kiwanian volunteers.<sup>1344</sup>

The Cub Scouts met near the end of April and Stanley was the cub master. Awards were given that night by Loren Helm to Lynn and seven other scouts.<sup>1345</sup>

In early May, Stanley started a five week training course for adult Cub Scout workers and parents. The class was taught by Luther Givens at the courthouse. During the first session, the group watched a motion picture, 'The Cub in the Home.'<sup>1346</sup> At the regular pack meeting at the end of May, awards were presented; Lynn didn't appear in the list of awards, but Stanley was mentioned as a one of the cubmasters.<sup>1347</sup>

Cub Scouts from Caddo and Grady counties participated in a pet show at Randlett Park in June. After the show, there was a picnic lunch. Father/Cub and Mother/Cub games were planned for the afternoon. Stanley and Loren Helm were the masters of ceremonies.<sup>1348</sup>

**1951:** Handicrafts of Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts were displayed in downtown windows in February. Lewis Allen's Troop 27 displays were at West Hardware, Famous Store and George's Department Store. George Kuwitzki's Troop 29 used Youngheim's window. Six Cub dens displayed their work at Davis ten cent store, Rexall Drug, Connel Drug, Pioneer Drug, Anthony's and Graham office supply. The six Cub Scout den mothers were...<sup>1349</sup>

Mrs. John Butler

Mrs. Royal Hassrick

Mrs. Ed Kidd

Rubey Hall

Mrs. Otto Duree

Mrs. Tom Wasson

Several boy scouts were elected to serve as county officials for a day; Lynn was elected county superintendent.<sup>1350</sup>

The Boy Scout fund drive was held in late February and Stanley was chairman of the drive in Anadarko. There was no specific amount set for the drive; it was to be completed in a half day. Workers who helped Stanley with the drive were...<sup>1351</sup>

Floyd Butler

Otis DeGraffenreid

Chuck Goodwin

John Stalder

Tip Couch

Kermit Finch

Luther Hardyman

Ty Yount

George Cox

Jim Fitzgerald

Bill McDuffey

Waldo Zerger

"Troop 32, formerly the Baptist Boy Scout troop, has re-registered as the Anadarko Presbyterian troop..." Stanley was the scoutmaster and Mickey Cost was the assistant scoutmaster of the troop. There were thirteen members of the troop including Lynn.<sup>1352</sup>

The newly reorganized troop was the high scorer at the camporee in April, "*The Danial Boone patrol from Troop No. 32, Anadarko, was the highest scoring Boy Scout patrol at the Caddo district camporee this weekend at Randlett Park.*"<sup>1353</sup> Stanley was one of the camp directors.

**1952:** In February, Stanley was one of twenty-three people named to call on donors to the Boy Scouts. There was no donation quota and the drive took place across three days in mid-February.<sup>1354</sup>

**1955:** The Boy Scout drive was announced in October and a budget of \$55,000 was set for the district including Caddo, Kiowa and Greer counties. Stanley and Dave Nixon planned the local drive.<sup>1355</sup> The drive got some additional coverage in the 'Incidentally' column a few days later, "*This is the week for Boy Scout's fund drive. Stanley Hall and Dave Nixon have been making arrangements the past week to make this drive a successful one. It is to help carry on the programs planned for the Scouts in this district under the Black Beaver Council...*"<sup>1356</sup> The drive was ending in early November and was a 'success' even though it still needed more donations.<sup>1357</sup>

## Board of Education 1951 - 1963

**1951:** In October 1951, the board of education was considering a new school building. The group decided to get input from key leaders in the community including city council members and officers, chamber of commerce and the news media. Two representatives from each district were also invited; Stanley was invited to attend by the president of the school board, Mrs. Rose Hill.<sup>1358</sup> This is Stanley's introduction to the school board and probably set the stage for his future participation as a board member. A month later, a vote was held to pass a \$150,000 bond issue for school improvements.<sup>1359</sup>

**1953:** In early February, Stanley was elected clerk of the school board after Carl Clour resigned and moved to Lawton, "*Hall has been serving as temporary clerk of the board for about a month.*"<sup>1360</sup> It didn't take long for this position to get busy. A couple of weeks later, Stanley explained the board's election choices, "*...the board is proposing the addition of two members in order to provide better representation of the school district. We feel that instead of five, seven board members will give a clearer cross-sectional view of the school district.*"<sup>1361</sup> Near the end of February, Stanley submitted a legal notice for the school election.<sup>1362</sup>

In early March Stanley announced the filing period for the two expired school board offices. Stanley was appointed with his term expiring in 1955.<sup>1363</sup> Only one person had filed a week later.<sup>1364</sup> By mid-March, seven people had filed for one of the open positions and four people for the other.<sup>1365</sup>

On April 7th, the voters approved the two additional members of the school board.<sup>1366</sup>

At the board's organizational meeting for the new term held in early April, Stanley was renamed clerk of the group.<sup>1367</sup>

<sup>1368</sup>A week later, on April 15th, B. F. Johnson was named superintendent of schools starting July 1st. Stanley was quoted that the principal position at Lincoln school was unfilled.<sup>1369</sup>

Stanley filed the election notice for the two additional board members and it was published in the Anadarko Daily News on April 16th.<sup>1370</sup> The election was about authorizing the board to increase its size from five to seven. Once the voters approved, the board appointed the new members to serve a term of one year and then stand for election.<sup>1371</sup>

In early May the board met and accepted resignations from Jack Riddle, junior high football coach and E. E. Weaver, principal of Lincoln school, "*Stanley Hall, board clerk, said only routine business was transacted by the board. Included on the agenda was approval of claims and a discussion of transportation needs for the district.*"<sup>1372</sup>

On the first of June, Jack Willis and Lewis Elliott joined the school board to complete the transition to seven members.<sup>1373</sup>

In July, Stanley signed the published financial statements as the clerk of the school board.<sup>1374</sup> A few days later, at the end of July, sixteen school districts were called to a meeting by the Indian Education division.<sup>1375</sup> The purpose was to help schools allocate their Indian education funds. Stanley and B. F. Johnson were notified and expected to attend the meeting. About thirty-two officials from all over Caddo county were going to attend the meeting in Anadarko.<sup>1376</sup>

**1954:** On March 1st, the school board met and renewed the contract for superintendent B. F. Johnson. "*Stanley Hall, clerk for the Anadarko board of education, said that no action was taken on employment of other faculty members in city schools.*" School board elections were also discussed regarding expiring terms of Jack Willis and Lewis Elliott, "*Hall said the law prescribes that filing must be made ten days prior to the election, not counting the day of the election or the day of filing.*"<sup>1377</sup> On the 4th, Stanley filed a call for election on behalf of the board calling for 5 mills for maintenance and another 5 mills to build new schools.<sup>1378</sup> On the



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10th, Stanley reminded the public through the newspaper that the 13th was the final day to file for one of the open board positions.<sup>1379</sup>

After the election, on April 8th, the school board reorganized itself. A shuffling of members happened because of boundary changes to the city's five wards. Stanley was in Ward 4; he resigned and was reappointed to Ward 2, the correct ward after the changes. He was appointed clerk at the same meeting.<sup>1380</sup> Later in the month Stanley signed the published financial statements as the clerk.<sup>1381</sup>

**1955:** In January the school board announced an election to approve \$171,000 in bonds. The approval would trigger the allocation of an additional \$182,000 from the government; the additional money was to compensate the district for 232 children in Anadarko schools who lived on "...non-taxable federal property." The money was to be used to build a twelve-room elementary school that would house between 232 and 360 students. The proposition was published in the legal section of the newspaper on January 20th and signed by Stanley as the clerk and W. P. Turley, the president of the school board.<sup>1382</sup> Those bonds were approved and Stanley, as clerk of the school board, filed a notice for their sale in March.<sup>1383</sup>

In late February, Stanley announced the filing period for three open board seats. The election was to be held on March 22nd.<sup>1384</sup> One of the empty seats was in Ward 2, Stanley's seat. He announced that he was seeking reelection on March 8th.<sup>1385</sup> He was the only candidate who filed and he was elected to serve another term with 223 votes.<sup>1386</sup>

In May, Stanley and Rubey were guests at the Junior-Senior banquet. All members of the school board were invited to attend. Lynn was a member of the junior class and was there as well. One of the photos in the newspaper article includes Rubey sitting next to Jan Barney and Pat Law.<sup>1387</sup>

In July, Stanley signed financial statements for the school board at the savings and loan; his signature was notarized by Margaret English.<sup>1388</sup> The board advertised for bids to add a wing to Anadarko High School in August and Stanley signed as the clerk of the board.<sup>1389</sup>

The school board inspected the new East Grade school and the addition to Sunset school in late November, "...it seems every member of the board of education had their favorite room. In fact, it looked for a while like the board members were wanting to go back to school after seeing the many colored rooms...Stanley Hall chose a room with two shades of green on the floor and pink and green on the walls, but he later changed his mind when he saw another room..."<sup>1390</sup> Students moved into the new rooms a few days later.<sup>1391</sup>

**1956:** The East grade school was opened in early January on the site of the old East school where Stanley went to grade school thirty-five years earlier. A plaque was placed on the north wall of the entrance, "*W. P. Turley, president of the Anadarko board of education; H. F. Reece, vice president; Stanley Hall, clerk; Nessie Hill, F. M. Cost, Lewis Elliott and Heab Armstrong, members.*"<sup>1392</sup> A few days later, Stanley was featured in an article about his school board clerk position. This is another time where he emphasized the importance of education, "*I want to see the whole school system advanced. If a program is good for a number of students it will be fine for the whole system. We want to continue getting better.*" Stanley mentioned the other members, "*When a meeting is called all the members are there...I think this is what makes it one of the most agreeable boards I have ever served on.*" He also talked about the new schools, "*I'm very happy with the new schools. It's an honor for our town to provide such fine buildings for your youngsters. I am very happy with the progress that has been made.*"<sup>1393</sup> The next week, the board hired B. F. Johnson to serve another year as superintendent, "*Stanley Hall, clerk of the board, said this morning that Anadarko has been very fortunate to have such a fine man as Johnson to serve as superintendent of its school system.*" Johnson lived directly across the street from us.<sup>1394</sup>

In March, Stanley signed the financial statements before the upcoming election.<sup>1395</sup> Two resolutions were on the ballot, a five mill levy for the school building fund and fifteen mills for normal ongoing expenses for the year.<sup>1396</sup> In other news, three people sought election to the school board to fill two vacancies. Stanley was in charge of taking the paperwork and announcing the candidates in the newspaper.<sup>1397</sup> The election was held at the end of the month and the board reorganized itself in early April. Stanley was reelected clerk of the board.<sup>1398</sup>

After closing business for the school year, the board voted to buy a Steinway grand piano. In other business, *"Stanley Hall, clerk of the board, opened bids for gasoline. The Caddo County Oil Co. was low bidder with 14 cents for regular gasoline. The board voted to accept the bid."* The board also authorized advertising for seven new typewriters for the high school commercial department.<sup>1399</sup>

At the December meeting, *"Stanley Hall, clerk of the board, said the board voted to accept the gasoline bid of 14 cents per gallon from Caddo County Oil Co., the only bidders for the gas sale."*<sup>1400</sup>

**1957:** The new school board organized itself in early April naming Heab Armstrong as the president. Lewis Elliott was elected vice president, Stanley was reelected clerk and Ruby Trotter was renamed treasurer.<sup>1401</sup> A few days later, Joel Smith, junior high principal, wrote a letter to Stanley resigning his position.<sup>1402</sup>

In April, Stanley and Rubey attended the Junior-Senior banquet as guests of the graduating senior class. Judy Dutcher gave the invocation.<sup>1403</sup>

In July, Stanley signed the published financial statements for the school board as its clerk.<sup>1404</sup>

At the October board meeting, Stanley was present when John White was appointed to fill a vacancy left when Glen Wilkerson moved out of the ward.<sup>1405</sup>

In November Stanley talked about the volume of business done by the school board, *"Incidentally: Stanley Hall says the School Board did a beer case worth of business last year. The board's secretary was hunting a place to put the old records and found they fit just right in an empty beer case..."*<sup>1406</sup>

**1958:** At the January meeting, the board voted to ask Governor Raymond Gary to call a special election which would allow Anadarko's teachers to vote on joining the federal social security system. A vote in 1956 resulted in a tie. Stanley was quoted, *"...changing to the social security system would cost the city school system about \$5,000 a year."* In other business, the board agreed to buy gasoline from Caddo Oil Company at 14.25 cents per gallon for regular and 17 cents per gallon for ethyl.<sup>1407</sup>

In March, Stanley signed the estimate of funds needed to run the schools as clerk of the board of education.<sup>1408</sup> A vote was set for March 25th and Stanley was up for reelection this year.<sup>1409</sup> Nobody else filed for Stanley's seat and he was elected without opposition.<sup>1410</sup>

At an organizational meeting in early April, Heab Armstrong and Stanley were reelected president and clerk respectively.<sup>1411</sup>

In July, Stanley signed the schools' financial statements as clerk.

**1959:** The 1959-1960 school budget was \$455,000 and terms expired for Lewis Elliott and Bill McDuffey. Candidates had to file with Stanley at his office between March 5th and 14th.<sup>1412</sup> A few days later, Stanley signed the 'Preliminary Estimate of Needs' as the board clerk.<sup>1413</sup>

In early April, the board proposed a \$260,000 bond issue to build a gymnasium between Oklahoma and Broadway streets on the same block as the Anadarko High School. All of the officers, including Stanley, were reelected for the year.<sup>1414</sup> Stanley signed the published notices for the regular school budget and for the gymnasium a few days later.<sup>1415</sup>

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Stanley and Rubey went to the Junior-Senior banquet at the high school cafeteria in April. All of the school board was invited. There were sixteen waitresses and waiters that night including Roger Hall and Mike Dutcher.<sup>1416</sup>

The bond to build a gymnasium passed by a 'landslide' a few days later. The paper quoted Stanley, "*I'm real tickled, really proud.*" The bonds were set to be sold the next month.<sup>1417</sup>

Stanley must have been making peanut brittle by mid-November in preparation for Christmas, "*Incidentally: Stanley Hall brought some pecan toffee to the school board meeting Tuesday night and everyone was reported to have a crunching good time.*"<sup>1418</sup>

Bids for the gymnasium were opened in early December.<sup>1419</sup>

**1960:** In early March, Stanley signed the regular estimate of needs and election proclamation for the school board.<sup>1420</sup> A few days later Stanley said, "*...he would remain in his office at the American Savings and Loan Association Saturday until 5 p.m. to accept filing for any candidates for Offices 4 and 6 which are to be filled at the annual school election March 22.*"<sup>1421</sup>

Stanley and Rubey went to the Junior-Senior banquet at the high school cafeteria in April. Members of the board of education, along with their spouses and teachers attended. Roger was probably at this event, but was not mentioned in the article.<sup>1422</sup> The same week, Stanley was elected clerk of the board again.<sup>1423</sup>

At the end of August, school enrollment was expected to reach 1,600 students. Stanley was mentioned as the board clerk.<sup>1424</sup>

**1961:** The new gymnasium was formally accepted by the board in early January with some minor exceptions.<sup>1425</sup> As I recall, there was quite a lot of discussion about the glass block skylights in the roof. At first, they were covered by the concrete roof so no light came through; After they removed the concrete, the roof leaked.

In February the board planned for the upcoming election, "*Stanley Hall, board clerk, stated at the meeting he would be a candidate for reelection.*" Filing forms were "*...available at Hall's office at American Savings and Loan.*"

Stanley was reelected from ward two and the board asked him to continue as the clerk in April.<sup>1426</sup>

**1962:** As clerk, Stanley announced openings for Bill McDuffey and Lewis Elliott's seats in February, and how to file.<sup>1427</sup> A few days later, Stanley announced that Bill McDuffey and Bob Beams had filed for the office from Ward 5. Lewis Elliott filed again for his seat in Ward 7 and Paul Keys filed for the same seat.<sup>1428</sup>

**1963:** When we moved to 302 Central in March, Stanley had to be replaced on the school board because he was no longer in Ward 5. The board appointed Ray Webster to fill Stanley's unexpired term. The board issued Stanley a 'Courtesy Certificate' stating, "*We realize that the value of this card in monetary terms is insignificant, but we do believe that as a symbol of honor and respect it is invaluable. Presentation of this card will admit you as our guest to any and all events sponsored by the school system.*"

## Indian City 1954

In June 1951, Maurice DeFord outlined a proposal for a tourist attraction in Anadarko that would be better for Anadarko's economy than industry, "*A plan to make Anadarko a thriving year-round tourist center was voiced today by a city automobile dealer who says 'acres of diamonds' are being overlooked here.*" DeFord outlined his proposal at the Kiwanis club meeting. His idea was to "*Construct an 'Indian city' here with tepees and grass huts, gather items of historical value, old pictures and other early-day things of interest, bring in and restore old houses and log huts and rent space on a hundred billboards in a far-flung area, urging tourists to 'See Indian City at Anadarko,' The Indian Capital of the World.*" DeFord did his homework and cited traffic counts on highway 66, distance between attractions, construction & billboard costs and out-of-state license plates in Anadarko. DeFord quoted an earlier Kiwanis speaker when he said, "*...a Pennsylvania tourist is worth just as much as a bale of cotton and it twice as easy to pick.*"<sup>1429</sup> DeFord expanded his vision in a detailed article published six months later.<sup>1430</sup>

In late 1951, as the chair of the Chamber industrial development committee, DeFord wrote an article prioritizing Indian City over industry for the town's development efforts.<sup>1431</sup>

A few years later, Maurice DeFord's vision was to become reality almost to the letter of his original proposal.

Construction started in March 1955.

**1954:** In April 1954, Anadarko's city council endorsed "*DeFord's Project for Indian City.*" Just a week later, the subscription drive began. The drive was planned by a steering committee consisting of...<sup>1432</sup>

Charles F. Goodwin

Rollin Hutchins

Odie Ditmore

Arch Lear

Joe W. McBride

Oris L. Barney

Ruth Cox

R. R. Jackson

Vaughndean Landes

N. J. Dikeman

In May, Maurice DeFord advertised to sell his car lot, Caddo Motor Company for \$22,500, "*Want the money for Indian City USA.*"<sup>1433</sup>

By early July, the initial financial goal of \$75,000 in subscriptions was reached.<sup>1434</sup> In August 1954, the directors of Indian City transferred money into Indian City USA, Inc. for the first time.

President Charles Goodwin said, "*...a preliminary survey is being made of the Ruzicka place at Tonkawa Hill, south of Anadarko, to determine acceptability of the location for the tourist attraction. Indian City directors have an \$8,000 option on the 160-acre land.*" Tonkawa Hill, commonly known as the 'south hills, "*...is the logical place.*" The board also appointed three new members to the advisory committee; Joe W. McBride, Houston Tice and Stanley Hall.<sup>1435</sup> Interestingly, Stanley used his 22 rifle to shoot his initials into the sand rock above a cave on this property about twenty years earlier.

## Croquet Tournament 1955 - 1956

**1955:** Over Labor Day weekend, the national croquet tournament was held in Randlett Park across from Bruce Dutcher's Park View grocery. Albert Lair of Lawton and Merle Spain of Lubbock Texas won, "*They were one of 20 teams competing in the three-day contest held in Randlett Park.*" Over 1,700 croquet players were present and over 200 people watched the matches; I suspect Uncle Bruce's business was booming. Stanley Hall and Esmond Weber

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hosted the event as members of the public relations committee of the Chamber of Commerce, *"Both men were elected honorary life-time members of the National Croquet Association..."* Five courts were in condition for use, *"Hall also stated that Anadarko has probably the best croquet courts in the state and will have even better after more work has been completed on the sixth court."*<sup>1436</sup>

**1956:** Stanley chaired the Chamber committee for the 1956 state tournament in Anadarko which was held in May. Invitations were sent to towns in several states, but the national tournament was held later in the summer. Twenty-six teams entered the tournament. It rained during the weekend but Stanley said, *"...there was a wonderful turnout in spite of the rain."*<sup>1437</sup>  
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## Fort Cobb Lake 1956 - 1963

There was talk of a reservoir on Cobb Creek for several years, apparently since 1937.<sup>1439</sup> The primary purpose was to provide municipal water for Anadarko and Chickasha. It would also provide the possibility of irrigation water for 4,000 acres of land along the Washita River. The proposed lake would cover 3,500 acres of farm land behind the dam including a corner of Rubey's parents' old homestead.<sup>1440</sup> It took a long time to become reality. There were political issues and resistance from multiple cities. Opposition from Chickasha was particularly troublesome. Representing the Chamber of Commerce, Albert Connel pushed the project from the early days until it was finally built.

- In 1949, a study was made by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation
- In 1950, Wallace Kidd wrote, *"Anadarko and Chickasha must both sign long-term agreements on water use. **Chickasha has shown disfavor to the plan.**"*<sup>1441</sup>
- In 1951 Senator Kerr proposed a \$15 million plan for the lake and the Chickasha city manager objected, *"This is the mad house of all financial schemes I have ever run across. All the irrigation features of the project are near or adjacent to Anadarko. They want us to pay half the cost for a project that would irrigate an area surrounding Anadarko."*<sup>1442</sup>
- In 1952, Albert Connel and a group of other citizens made a trip to Washington DC in an effort to cut red tape and speed up the process.<sup>1443</sup>
- After a year of political maneuvering and objections from as far away as Fort Sill, bids were received on the project in 1958. Construction finally got underway in February.<sup>1444</sup> The lake was finished in 1958.<sup>1445</sup>

**1956:** In preparation for building the dam, the Fort Cobb Master Water Conservancy District was set up in 1956. Its purpose was to represent property owners affected by the dam. The district was approved just before Christmas and directors were appointed by the court...<sup>1446</sup>

Elbert Karns	Harry White	A. V. Wolf
J. B. Miles	W. N. Bradley	R. B. Scoggins
Oris Barney	John White	E. E. Hale
Haskell Pugh	Albert Connel	Jim Finney
R. R. Jackson	Alan Haight	W A. Cowans
J. F. Trotter	Dr. Perry Corbin	Walter Volz
Wallace Kidd	Esmond Weber	Parker Woodall

Chickasha's opposition to Fort Cobb Lake irked Stanley and he would get a chance to add his input a few years later when he joined the board.



**1957:** In late April, Stanley and fifty other Kiwanians signed a petition urging citizens to vote 'Yes' for a proposition to buy water from Cobb Creek Reservoir, "*Let's Not Go Back To 'Horse-and-Buggy' Days.*" A half-page advertisement was placed outlining their position.<sup>1447</sup>

**1962:** After a glowing editorial in the local newspaper about Albert Connel's role in the development of Fort Cobb Lake,<sup>1448</sup> Connel sent a letter to the editor outlining all the people who had helped make Fort Cobb Lake possible, "*We have been able to accomplish all the things mentioned in your editorial because of the many fine folks and organizations in Anadarko.*" Albert went on to list thirty-one individuals who "*...did an outstanding job in some particular phase of the development*" including Stanley.<sup>1449</sup>

**1963:** The city of Anadarko appointed Stanley, Sam Wilhite and Rollin Hutchins to the board replacing Esmond Weber, Dr. Paul Keyes and Dr. R. R. Jackson.<sup>1450</sup> Stanley was elected secretary.<sup>1451</sup> The new group established a budget of about \$40,000, 40.5% paid by Anadarko water users and the rest paid by Western Farmers Electric.

**1973:** There are not many available records for Stanley's time on the board but a clipping from the Incidentally column indicates that he took a leadership role, "*Stanley Hall of the American Savings and Loan Association adjourned a meeting of the Fort Cobb Reservoir Master Conservancy District Tuesday night by making a motion to 'declare a dividend and go home.'*"



## Hobbies

Both Rubey and Stanley had hobbies throughout their lifetime. A total of 45 hobby-related activities are documented.

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### Picking Locks 1935 - 1978

I'm not sure this can be classified as a hobby, but Stanley did enjoy showing off his talent for picking locks. He had a small kit of tiny tools rolled up into a small pouch that would fit into one hand. Sometimes it took several different tools inserted into the keyhole at the same time to open a lock. I am not sure where the kit is today, but probably he gave it to one of my brothers. Stanley told me one time about opening a car door for Perry Corbin, *"Dr. Corbin called me late one night to open a car door and I went out to meet him. It was a stubborn lock but I finally got it ready to open and was about to turn it and then decided not to. There was something about the talk around me; I just had a feeling that something was not right. So, I told Dr. Corbin, I couldn't open it."* He was frustrated, *"...but it looks like you almost had it."* I told him *"I couldn't open it and went home."* Stanley's fascination with old keys was related to lock picking; sometimes he could find a key that was close enough to simplify the process. I also have a little box of old keys but mine are for no particular purpose.

Stanley also opened combination safes for people around town, usually when someone lost the combination or when someone left a business.

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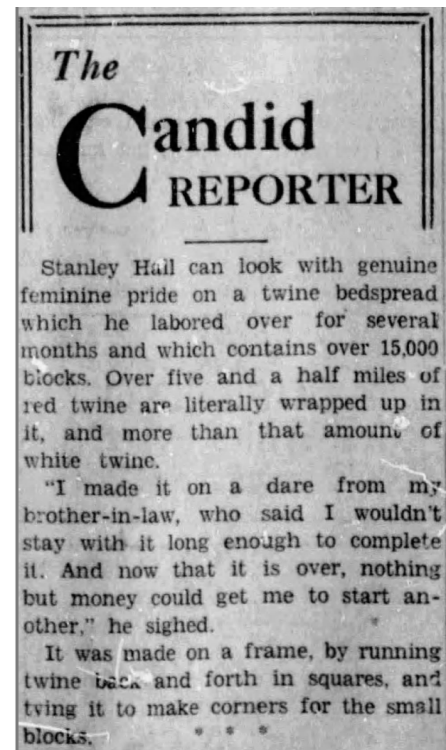
### Sewing -- bow ties, dresses 1936 - 1956

My recollection is that Rubey sewed out of necessity, not as a hobby. She patched holes in blue jeans and other clothes as they were passed down the line of brothers. It seems like a lot of my things, including clothes, were handed down in this way.

On the other hand, Stanley seems to have taken up hobbies like sewing believing that he could do anything or based on a challenge or dare.

**1936:** On December 1st, The Candid Reporter published a short article, *"Stanley Hall can look with genuine feminine pride on a twine bedspread which he labored over for several months..."* Stanley was quoted in the article, *"I made it on a dare from my brother-in-law, who said I wouldn't stay with it long enough to complete it. And now that it is over, nothing but money could get me to start another one."*<sup>1452</sup> I don't know which brother-in-law dared Stanley to make it, but I suspect Paul Fisher.

By 1950, Stanley had started making ties. While the public comments seemed to be about bow ties, he also made regular neck ties, also brightly colored.



**Figure 215: Stanley Makes a Bedspread**



**Figure 216: Stanley in Necktie he made, About 1950**

**1953:** *"Incidentally: Stanley Hall has gone into business for himself -- producing bow ties. Most of the menfolk in the bank where Stanley works now are sporting bow ties -- tied by Stanley..."*<sup>1453</sup>

Stanley expanded his sewing hobby to include a dress for Rubey, *"Incidentally: We've got it from a quite reliable source that Stanley Hall, who has a touch for making bow ties, has turned out a dress for his wife..."*<sup>1454</sup> According to Judy Dutcher Orr, *"Mother sewed all the time for me and once he made some remark about how he thought anyone could do it. After some 'encouragement' from Mother and Aunt Rubey he got a sewing machine (I wonder if he bought it) and made Aunt Rubey a dress. The big reveal was much anticipated. I remember being in your living room and Aunt Rubey coming out in the dress. We were all very impressed and I think that was his last attempt. Point made!"*

**1955:** *"Incidentally: Stanley Hall came to work with another of his bright home-made bow ties this morning. His only trouble was tying it in the dark and not looking*

*at the tie's shape in the daytime."*<sup>1455</sup>

**1956:** In February it was reported that Stanley was making some more ties, *"...A door knob has saved the occasion many times for J. D. Jarvis. This morning Jarvis, Harry Cook and Harold Liles were discussing the techniques of tying a tie. Jarvis said 'Well, I'll tell a secret on myself. I can't tie a tie on myself. I have to use a door knob to get the job done'...While the three were speaking about ties Harry said Anadarko has a private tie manufacturer. Harry said every time Stanley Hall sees some pretty material some lady had left making a dress, he takes it and makes a bow tie. Harry said Stanley has provided Neil Dikeman and several other men with his specialty, a loud bow tie..."*<sup>1456</sup>

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## Contests 1939 - 1947

Stanley and Rubey liked to enter contests around town.

**1939:** Starting in October, the Anadarko Daily News sponsored a contest to pick winners of the weekend college football games. Stanley tied with Alvin Neal and Greg Murphy for second place. The three split the \$1.50 prize.<sup>1457</sup>

The next week, an eleven-year-old named Dean Yarnell won the 'Pick-The-Winner' contest by guessing nine out of ten games correctly. Yarnell didn't have a system, *"I found one of the blanks, gnawed off the wood around the lead of an old pencil I had in my pocket, and started marking the teams I thought should win."* Stanley was mentioned because of his finish the previous week, *"...Stanley Hall couldn't do better than four last week."*<sup>1458</sup>

**1940:** The popularity of picking college football winners continued. At the end of September Stanley was one of twenty people who correctly guessed the winners. Each winner got 25 cents.<sup>1459</sup>

There was a hiccup in mid-October when Rubey asked Stanley to deliver her entry to the football contest, *"Stanley Hall is in the dog house...His wife gave him her football contest entry*

*on which she had picked S.M.U. and Pitt to tie...He thought they wouldn't tie so he changed it...The score 7 to 7 in favor of Mrs. Stanley Hall.*"<sup>1460</sup>

For the weekend of October 19th, Stanley correctly picked eleven out of twelve games, he and 27 others. Two people picked all twelve to win.<sup>1461</sup>

**1947:** Stanley entered the Christmas decorating contest in December and his entry was mentioned, *"Another impressive decoration is on the front porch of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hall at 607 West Oklahoma. Hall has built a nativity scene beautifully decorated with the Mother and Child. At night the scene is lighted for passersby. It is the pride and joy of Hall, who has worked on the project for a number of weeks."* The contest was sponsored by the Anadarko Garden council, the chamber of commerce and the Daily News.<sup>1462</sup>

The winners of the decorating contest were announced on Christmas Eve and Ted Donley's parents won first prize for their house at 607 West Central, *"...decorated in blue lights hung on the molding of the house, parallel to the roof and two Christmas lighted trees on the front lawn."* Stanley and seven others won honorable mentions.<sup>1463</sup>

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## Cooking 1940 - 1983

Stanley liked to cook. Many Saturday nights in the summer were spent cooking hamburgers and freezing ice cream. As early as 1940, Stanley cooked hamburgers for company. It was pretty frequent when I was little in the 1950s and 1960s. For a long time, he cooked burgers on a grill made from Rubey's mother's old wash pot. Oscar Humphreys, our neighbor across the alley, made a lid and stand with wheels for the pot. Stanley and Rubey's great granddaughter, Ashley, has the pot now but it had not been used as a grill for many years.

Making ice cream was quite a production but turning the crank could be hard work. Stanley had an idea to make the cranking easier based on his experience at the creamery back in 1924 when he was only ten years old. Many farmers had a cream separator which was used to separate the cream from the milk. Stanley got a full-sized separator which was about four feet high on legs. It was mostly cast iron. The device originally worked by spinning whole milk in a large bowl on the top by turning a hand crank on the side. The separated milk and cream came out a spout into separate buckets. The whole thing was driven by the hand crank which was turned slowly and geared up to spin the whole milk very fast. Stanley's idea was to reverse the spinning process by putting an electric motor on the top to spin that end of the gear system very fast and then hook up the old-fashioned ice cream freezer to the handle end to turn slowly and steadily. He got an old separator and turned to Oscar Humphreys again to help turn his vision into reality. The idea worked and Stanley turned his attention to beating eggs and making the mix to go into the freezer container. Then he just hooked up the freezer bucket to the old separator, plugged in the motor and added ice and salt the old-fashioned way. He was very proud of this and would tell anybody about how it was made. It worked for many years and it must have been difficult to sell.



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When Stanley worked at the savings and loan, he made lots of peanut brittle for his loan agents. Just to put it into context, he used 125 pounds of raw, shelled peanuts from the mill in Anadarko and gave away dozens of sheets of peanut brittle. He also made butter and pecan brittle. Roger Hall posted Stanley's pecan brittle recipe on Facebook.

### Stanley Hall's Pecan Brittle Recipe

Needs: a heavy 2-quart sauce pan, 2 buttered cookie sheets and a candy thermometer.

#### Ingredients

2 cups sugar	2 or 2 ½ cups raw pecans
1 cup white Karo syrup	1 tsp soda
½ cup water	1 tsp vanilla
½ lb. butter	

Dissolve sugar and Karo syrup in the water on medium heat to 240 degrees then add the butter and pecans. When it reaches 305 degrees remove from heat and stir in the vanilla and soda; stir really hard.

Pour onto the 2 cookie sheets and spread out to cool.<sup>1464</sup>

Judy Orr responded to Roger's post, "*I just want some that he made.*" Stanley and Rubey's granddaughter, Heidi didn't remember the peanut brittle, "...just ice cream and all of the sweets in the pantry grandmother Rubey had."<sup>1465</sup>

**1978:** Stanley quit making large volumes of brittle when he retired in 1978. I had no intention of continuing the tradition with his real estate agents when I took over. He and Rubey continued the Saturday night hamburgers and ice cream tradition though until Rubey died in 1983. Years later Stanley would still suggest hamburgers on Saturday night.

Rubey was also an accomplished cook. The church newsletter noted, "*...preparing food for family, church dinners, etc., Rubey has become a master of culinary arts.*" One of the things I remember is Sunday roasts with onions, potatoes, and carrots. The meat was browned in a big skillet early in the morning, covered with the vegetables and put into the oven before church. It was ready by noon when we got back home. She made gravy from the juice at the last minute. One key thing about the gravy is eating it. We made a little corral out of a half slice of bread with the middle torn out and filling it with gravy. Then use the rest of the bread to dip in it.

We had unexpected guests all the time and there was always more than enough; she just set out another plate and chair. Rubey made everybody feel welcome. She also made really

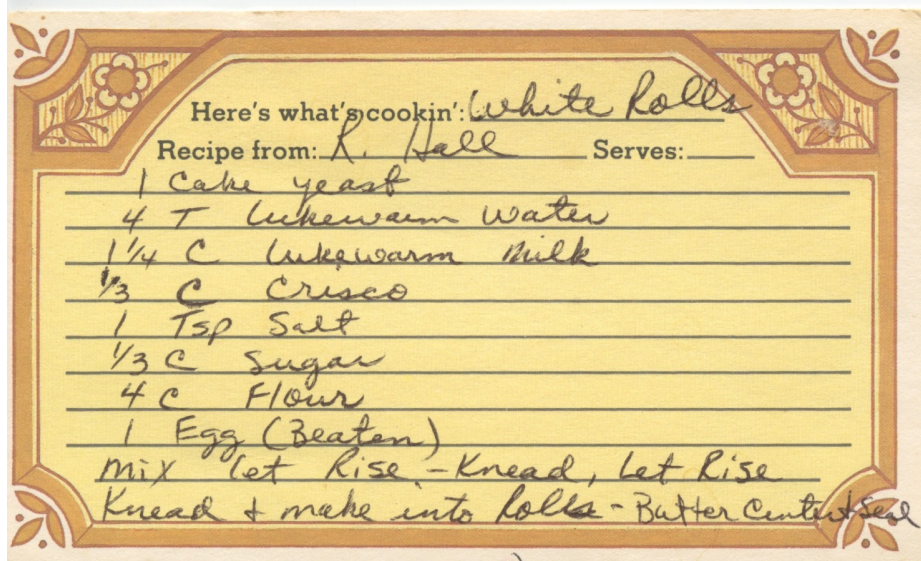


Figure 217: Rubey's Roll Recipe

great rolls using the same method as my Aunt Ruth Reiss. The key is to make the rolls into a crescent shape and slip a little butter into the middle with a knife before baking. There were a lot of different kinds of cookies at Christmas time.<sup>1466</sup> I used Rubey's recipe for teriyaki steak on some venison back strap. The guys at deer camp went

crazy over it, "That's the best deer meat I've ever tasted." It's a recipe I get out occasionally for Saturday steak night.

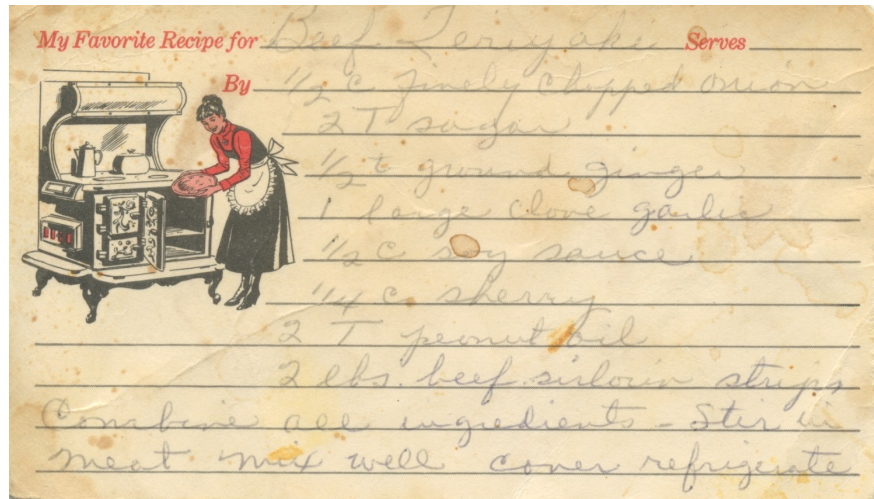


Figure 218: Rubey's Teriyaki Steak Recipe

## Model Airplanes 1948 - 1952

**1948:** During the summer of 1948, Stanley was mentioned in the 'Incidentally' column, "*The shrill sound similar to a huge bumblebee on the softball park at night can be attributed to Stanley Hall and his friends playing with their model airplanes...*"<sup>1467</sup> It was a hobby that seemed to fade pretty quickly. I remember the dusty model planes hanging in our garage, but have no memory of them ever flying.<sup>1468</sup>

**1949:** In April, Stanley and fifteen other members of the Anadarko model airplane club asked for model airplane flying licenses. The group also voted to charge a 25-cent monthly fee to pay for club expenses. The club held flying sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the softball diamond in Randlett Park. Those involved in the club...<sup>1469</sup>

Bob Finch	Mac Hart	Jimmy Younkin
Billy Hamilton	David Hess	Jack Lane
Mike Moran	Jimmy Welch	Shelton Younkin
Jay Dee Wingo	Bill Hamilton	J. T. Wingo
Stanley Hall	E. G. Younkin	Lynn Hall

The Anadarko Model Airplane club sponsored an exhibition in Randlett Park in October, "*Gas engine planes flying on 70-foot steel control lines, will be put through various stunt and speed maneuvers.*" Stanley was cited as one of the club's sponsors and said, "*...about 10 or 12 out-of-state flyers are expected to take part in the exhibition.*"<sup>1470</sup>

**1952:** In early March, the Anadarko Business and Professional Women's club sponsored a hobby show at the National Guard armory. The show featured, "*...displays of collections and handiwork, including demonstrations in doll-making and ceramics by a group from Chickasha.*" There were almost forty exhibits including Stanley's exhibit of model airplanes.

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Thirty-three people exhibited items in thirteen categories that day...

Dolls	Art	Figurines	Model Airplanes
Needlework	Stamps	Ceramics	
Rocks	Hooked Rugs	Antiques	
Horseshoes	Hearts	Coins	

Relatives who participated include...<sup>1471</sup>

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>
Judy Dutcher .....	Dolls
Stanley Hall .....	Model airplanes

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## Sports 1950 - 1952

**1950:** Stanley tried golfing and was probably introduced by his brother, Carl. He entered the Caddo County Golf and Country club tournament in October. The newspaper published fifty-four handicaps for the tournament; Odie Ditmore had the lowest handicap of 2 and Herman Braswell had the highest at 32. Carl and Stanley were among those with the highest handicap, 17 and 25 respectively.<sup>1472</sup>

**1952:** In March, Stanley played in a basketball game to benefit the March of Dimes.<sup>1473</sup>

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## Collecting Coins 1941 - 1978

Stanley was interested in coins and money from an early age, perhaps because they didn't have very much of it. The Great Depression probably reinforced his interest. When he worked at the bank, people would bring in coins that they had in a jar or on their dresser. Stanley always told the tellers that he wanted to look through that money for his collection and would return the ordinary coins neatly sorted in wrappers.

He brought the coins home and dumped them out on a card table and used a goose-necked lamp to help see them better. Once he took out all he wanted, he counted out fifty pennies to a roll with his left hand under the edge of the table and pulling two at a time with his right hand, "...two, four, six, eight, ten, two, four, six, eight, twenty..." and etc. until he had fifty pennies. Then he would roll those in papers from the bank. He did the same thing with nickels counting by tens up to two dollars and with dimes counting by twenties up to five dollars. I think he counted out forty quarters by twos just like pennies. Occasionally he would call me over, "*I need your young eyes. Is that a 'D' or an 'S' under the date?*" The letters were mint marks that told where the coin was made, Denver or San Francisco. Coins with no letter were called 'plain' and made in Philadelphia.

Stanley continued to get coins after moving to the savings and loan. People would occasionally come in and expected to withdraw the same coins they brought in years before, like we had a separate box where we kept money for each individual.

He was trying to collect nine sets of every penny, nickel, dime and quarter -- one set for each grandchild. Later, he started collecting mint and proof sets, again aiming to give identical sets to each grandchild. I think he gifted them and stopped collecting when he retired in 1978. At that time, he asked me to keep buying for Ann Lyn and Jason, but I didn't continue.

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## Woodworking 1955 - 1976

Stanley liked woodworking and some of his projects survive. He and Stan Stonum made little chairs for the church Sunday school in about 1955. I was just tall enough to help catch the

boards coming off the table saw as he ripped them to size. He gave pretty specific information about what would happen if I touched anything on the saw and it scared me. The noise was so loud; we wear ear protection these days for sounds half as loud. It's funny that he had to rip boards down to size in order to make those chairs; sixty years later when I made some of the same chairs, I couldn't buy a board wide enough to reproduce his version exactly. When the church sold some of his chairs, we got two -- one for Ann Lyn and one for Jason.

In about 1976 Stanley made at least three doll beds. He gave one to Ann Lyn for her birthday. Harold Liles from our church had twin granddaughters and Stanley made one for each of them. One of Harold's granddaughters lost hers in a house fire a few years later.



**Figure 219: Ann Lyn with Doll Bed**

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## Rabbits and Chickens 1945-1958

Stanley and Rubey raised rabbits and chickens in our back yard probably as a way to stretch their grocery dollars,. I have a faint memory of rabbits in metal cages arranged like a high-rise apartment building, probably about 1953 or so.

We had chicken coops in our back yard as long as I can remember. In August 1945, someone at 502 ½ East Main sold a chicken house and nine bantam chickens.<sup>1474</sup> Stanley may have bought those. He made other acquisitions and started to sell some three years later, "*For Sale: Bantam Chickens. 607 West Oklahoma.*" We called them 'banties.' We had chickens for several years and Stanley candled the eggs with a flashlight to check on the chick's progress. He kept a detailed diary of eggs, chickens and roosters. Fertilized eggs were carefully marked with a pencil by color of the parents and kept in a china cabinet in our kitchen: B for black, W for White and R for Rhode Island Reds. One time we had company who thought the B stood for 'boiled' and they got a surprise when they cracked one open for a snack.

The sale of chickens may have slowed for a few years or they had regular customers; there are no mentions in the newspaper. It looks like Kent took over the family chicken business; the next evidence I found was a classified ad in the Anadarko paper in June 1958, "*For Sale: Bantam chickens. Call 493. Kent Hall.*"<sup>1475</sup> There are no more references to our chickens and perhaps we sold out at this time. Kent remembers a much shorter period of dealing with chickens, "*We only had them two to four years. We had rabbits before then.*"<sup>1476</sup>



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## Ranching 1959 - 1986

Stanley had an interest in raising his own calves probably from childhood when he helped his dad tend the family milk cow. Roger recalled a time much later when he told me, "*Stanley had a calf that he was going to let Uncle Clarence raise. He was taking it to Apache in the car. The calf was tied up in the back seat and it got a leg loose. When Stanley looked back there, he ran off the road and damaged the car.*"<sup>1477</sup>

**1959:** In late June, Stanley bought a small acreage about a mile south of Anadarko, across the road north of Johnny Youngheim's home, later Perry Corbin's home. "*Incidentally: Add Stanley Hall to the ever-growing list of country squires. He's invested in a tract south of Anadarko and is already talking like a soil expert...*"<sup>1478</sup> My brother Kent and I remember this event clearly. the property was covered in sunflowers with stems the size of small trees. Stanley dropped us off at the gate one morning with directions to "*...pull up all the sunflowers by the roots. If you leave any in the ground, they'll just grow back.*" By the time he returned at noon, we had perhaps a ten-foot circle of ground cleared and it was a hot muggy Oklahoma day. We were slapping mosquitoes and trying to find shade under those giant sunflowers. Kent remembers using an 'idiot stick,' a blade on the end of a long handle that wouldn't even go halfway through one of those sunflower stalks. According to Kent, "We pulled, we chopped, we mowed, we sweat. I sweat just thinking about it."<sup>1479</sup> Stanley doubled the size of this acreage when he bought the adjoining acreage and barn from Coach Don Mitchell.

**1971:** When the new savings and loan building was finished in 1971, there was a small construction building left over and Stanley wanted that building. Some of the workers took it apart into four walls and the roof, and loaded it onto a flatbed trailer. We dug and poured a concrete foundation and I learned how to mix mortar with a hoe and a wheelbarrow. Stanley laid the concrete blocks and there was never any conversation about if we could do it or if we had any experience at all. We put a floor system of joists and plywood onto the blocks. The most difficult part was unloading the building walls and propping them up; it seemed impossible to me but somehow, we moved them into position and nailed them together. When finished, the building became storage for tools and tack; by the time Stanley sold everything and moved to Washington in 1987, it was loaded with stuff as was every other building on the place. Bub Tate, the auctioneer from Apache, opened one door, looked inside and just shook his head, "*Stanley, Stanley, Stanley.*" Lots of Stanley's collection consisted of things nobody else wanted. Some of it he actively sought out at auctions and estate sales. I remember going to an auction with him where he bid an outrageous \$40 for an old three-legged cast-iron pot. I asked why he paid so much and he gave me this bit of wisdom, "*Once you bid on something, you can't let anyone outbid you or they will bid against you again at the next sale.*" The pot wasn't in the barn though; we cooked chili in it for forty years and it is still in my garage.

We kept horses at the little farm in the beginning. My Shetland pony, Alvin, was the first. Then we got full sized horses for Kent and me. At some point Stanley decided to breed them to an appaloosa stallion. Three colts were born to our mares: Lady, Domino and Goldie.

**1972:** Goldie's colt was the prettiest one of the three born but it died from sleeping sickness. Stanley also had his sight set on raising some beef. He bought some young steers probably from J. M. Jackson and we fattened them on Stanley's acreage. J. M. was experienced and gave advice about the process which started with ground feed, mostly straw. Over time, the feed was mixed with more and more grain and molasses. Stanley got a rusted-out feed grinder for this part of the operation; it never worked. J. M. also gave Stanley advice about when the calves were ready, "*When their stomach pulls up tight, round butt leading right up to the top of their tail...*" We were privileged to eat the best beef cut exactly the way we wanted. After we moved to California, I did a lot of complaining about store-bought beef.



Stanley decided he wanted more cattle and for a time leased ground from J. M. Jackson below Tonkawa hill just north of Indian City so he could start a cow/calf operation. The plan was to breed the cows and sell the calves after weaning. The best heifer calves would be kept as replacements for the older cows.

**1973:** In about 1972 or early 1973, Stanley came up with an idea to buy a farm from a savings and loan customer who was not able to pay for it; he was to be criticized for similar transactions a few years later when the federal examiners said that when a delinquent property is worth more than the loan, the association should get the profit, not its officers. I think they were right. Stanley asked me to partner with him to buy 160 acres of the 240 total acres. John Garland bought the other 80 acres. This place became 'the farm' and Stanley's acreage closer to town became 'the little farm.'

During the summer we built almost two miles of fence around the farm. The vast majority of the work was done by John and me. Uncle Jim and Stanley gave some help but mostly provided laughs, *"When working with Stanley, it was never work. You had fun whether it was going to court or building fence. You may wonder how you can have fun building fence, but you can if you have Stanley and his brother, Jim, directing Gene and me on how to do the work."* John had never seen two grown men argue so much about almost everything, *"At times Stanley and Jim would engage in an argument that you would think would erupt into a fist fight, but it was always in good spirit and once the 'discussion' ended, we would all have a good laugh."*<sup>1480</sup> John continued, *"My 30th birthday will always be remembered because it was spent building fence in the heat of summer with the Halls. The day ended with Margaret cooking supper; it was a good day."* Jim thought Stanley wasn't doing his part, *"Every time I look up that boy is either taking a leak or going to town for more beer."* Stanley had been thinking a lot about this fence and he had a ten-foot pole and he wanted the posts to be exactly ten feet apart. Since John and I were digging the holes, this process meant that we would have to bend over and pick up this pole for every hole and lay it back down to measure; we did it for two holes before starting to step off each hole. Jim saw how much work we were doing and made a suggestion that would eliminate digging the post holes altogether, *"There's an old well over there about the same size as those postholes. It's probably over a hundred feet deep. We could just get that well, cut it into pieces and load them on the truck. Then we could just drive along and throw the holes out wherever you want them."*

Near the end of the fencing project, we got into some sand rock and rough digging. Stanley had a small tractor and hooked up an auger to dig the holes. Jim was driving and Stanley was directing, *"Back up, whoa, auger down, power drive, whoa, auger up, pull forward."* It was a pretty complicated process that involved backing the tractor up to a precise location, operating the power-take-off and the lift, shifting gears to forward and back and more. After a few holes it got pretty monotonous. I guess Stanley lost his concentration for a second because after Jim had drilled a hole Stanley gave the order to pull forward while the auger was still in the ground and Jim pulled forward just like he was told. The front of the tractor reared up almost vertical until the motor stalled; if it hadn't stalled, Jim surely would have died under the tractor that day. Jim was looking straight up into the sky and gasoline was dripping out of the tank right onto his lit cigarette. After a second of shock, Stanley got up next to the tractor and carefully pushed the clutch for a second and the tractor bounced down a few inches. He did it several times until the tractor was back on the ground. Jim jumped down and then the arguing really started. Jim argued that Stanley shouldn't have told him to go forward while the auger was still in the ground and Stanley argued that Jim shouldn't have gone forward because he should have known the auger was in the ground.

We put Stanley's cows on the front part of the new farm and they started eating everything in sight. There was a nice peach orchard there and some blackberry thickets. In the spring the

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cattle made a sport out of this orchard. They would hang out near the peach trees and when a peach fell off the tree all of them rushed to get it smashing their heads together. The bull didn't have so much patience. He would hook his head over a limb and just break it down to the ground. All the trees were down within two or three years.

We got into the honey business in an unusual way by today's standards. Sears was a big national business in the seventies. Small towns like Anadarko didn't warrant a retail location but we had a catalog store. Sears delivered a new catalog to everybody through the US mail every year. That is where we looked for things to buy, just like people look online today at Amazon. When you ordered something from the catalog, it would be delivered to the local catalog store where you could pick it up. One day in the fall, I was in the local catalog store picking up an order and heard some buzzing coming from the back. Someone had ordered three hives of bees for delivery in the spring; when they arrived in the fall, it was too late to establish a good hive. So, the buyers refused to accept delivery. The people at Sears said we could have them for free. Each hive was in a small wooden box with the queen in a separate cage inside. We took the bees to Stanley's garage and he started engineering a way to make regular hive boxes for them. We built three boxes and placed them just west of the peach orchard. We fed them sugar water all winter and two of the three hives survived. The cows caused some issues when they rubbed against the boxes to scratch an itch and knocked over the boxes. We moved them to the little farm and got one or two harvests of honey using a borrowed honey extractor. Our remaining two hives were wiped out by wax moths.

Over time, Stanley improved the herd by moving toward milk cows because they had more and richer milk to feed their calves. The result was heavier calves when they sold. He also bought a three-quarters Limousin bull from John Garland's brother-in-law in Pauls Valley. These bulls produced smaller calves at birth and reduced the number of calving problems for the mothers, a requirement for a rancher like Stanley who didn't want to deliver calves in the middle of the night. Uncle Jim couldn't remember Limousin, so he called our bull Cadillac Jack.

**1974:** A few years later, Stanley decided to plant corn on the east side of the lake at the little farm. It was a bumper crop, enough corn for the entire county. Unfortunately, the weeds and sunflowers came back between the rows. Stanley's brother, Uncle Jim, said, "*He's the only man I know that will plant a crop and lay it by on the same day.*" The term 'lay it by' usually



**Figure 220: Stanley with Pair of Limousin Cattle, 1980**

refers to the last time you cultivate or weed it; Stanley never cultivated the crop or did anything to it at all until it was time to harvest. Margaret and I fought through the weeds and filled a pickup truck with corn and dumped it in our yard at Square Top. We shucked and froze corn all day and then invited people to come get all they wanted before it got hard.

The next year Stanley planted popcorn with a similar bumper crop.

Every year Stanley and I would round up all the cattle and doctor them. This usually happened in the fall when the calves were ready to wean. We doped the cows for flies and vaccinated them with a combination vaccine. We dehorned the calves, branded and vaccinated them as well. John Garland was always there to help and we always went to his place when he worked cattle. John's roundup was more fun because he rounded up with horses. There was a fence he used to funnel the cattle into his lot on the place next to us; it was one wire, about a foot high and much of it laying on the ground. When I asked about it, John told me, *"It's a psychological fence, Gene."* Stanley was more of a gentleman farmer who trained the cattle all year by feeding them in the lot; all he had to do was honk the horn and they would all run in. The water tank was also in the lot and they were used to going there every day. Stanley had one cow that was wild. She would turn and run when we started to close the gate and usually three or four others would panic and go with her. She raised a beautiful calf each year but Stanley was determined to catch her. After a couple of years, we finally saw her in the lot and got the gate closed. I asked Stanley, *"What do we do with her now?"* and he said, *"Back up the trailer. We're taking her to the sale barn."* She was really angry in that trailer, bellowing and kicking. It was a relief to unload her in Apache and she was still wild-eyed when we put her out.

**1986:** When Stanley remarried in 1986, he sold the little farm and moved to Yelm Washington. At some point before that, we got out of the cattle business.



**Figure 221: Stanley teaches Ann Lyn & Erin to Ride**

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## Camping 1974 - 1986

The back 100 acres or so of the farm were wooded with a lot of sand-rock canyons and gullies. The original owner, Joe Warner, kept the place just for hunting and we started camping there to hunt deer. My friend Bill McBee started coming and bringing a few friends until it turned into a big party for deer and turkey seasons, and smaller parties for bow and black powder seasons.

There was a small metal shed when we bought the place and Stanley quickly decided to expand the original about 8x8 foot shed into about 8x12 or 14. We all slept on the ground in that shed. John Garland remembered, *"We used to spend the weekend at his cabin. The first cabin could hardly be called a cabin. Actually, it was a small shed with a wood burning stove. Cold weather did not deter our overnight stays. Stanley knew more games than anyone I ever knew. We would stay up until well after midnight playing games, joking and talking, with Stanley winning most of the games. No matter how late we went to bed, Stanley would be first up and getting breakfast. Stanley was one of the boys, age made no difference."*

It was cold in the shed and Stanley had a 4x8 foot piece of thick steel. He decided to make a wood stove out of that piece of steel and the planning took almost a year because he wanted

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to use the entire piece of steel with no waste. He changed the design a dozen times and drew cuts on the steel with chalk. Finally, Bill McBee cut out the pieces and welded together, *"I don't know where Stanley got that slab of steel. It was just there at his little place. Course, Stanley had to draw it out on a piece of paper. It was pretty easy for me to cut and weld back together. I thought the steel might warp when we put a fire in it and wanted to weld some angle iron on the inside but Stanley didn't think we needed that. Then Stanley insisted on that shelf on the bottom of the back; he wanted to put his socks there and I told him that would never work because his socks would catch on fire. You know, he would get something in his mind and there was no changing it. He agreed that I was probably right but still wanted the shelf."*<sup>1481 1482</sup>

The back shelf turned into another memory. Carter Curry brought a bottle of sake to camp one year and we put it on the shelf to heat it up. It stayed there for several years until Sam Custer came from Little Rock to camp with us. He saw the bottle and took a swig from it burning his lips and throat in the process.

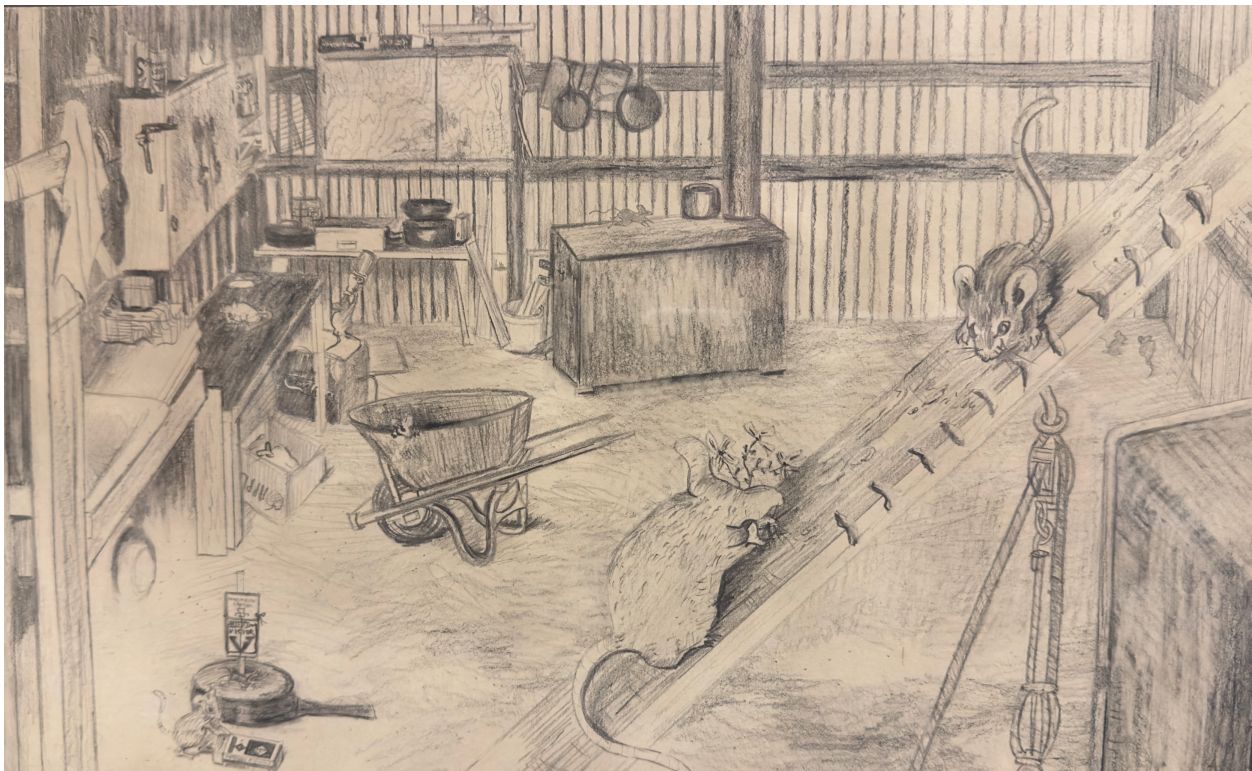
I was sick one year and couldn't really sleep on the cold ground. Before leaving to a warmer bed in the van, Stanley gave me some direction, *"If you're going to be warm, at least stoke the fire so we can be warm too."* So, I stacked wood into that giant firebox until it was full. Then I got little sticks and drove them between the larger logs until nothing more would fit. I closed up the stove and rolled the door to the shed closed. Everybody went to sleep. The stove smoldered for an hour or two before it burst into flames. From the outside, I saw the door flung wide open and everyone ran out. The stove was glowing bright red. I still laugh when I think about it.

One winter it was really cold with a lot of wind and I didn't have a good down-filled sleeping bag. So, I brought two old cotton sleeping bags and was going to put one inside the other that night. Somebody came to camp without a sleeping bag at all and Stanley insisted that I give them one of my bags. I didn't like it but finally gave up one of the bags and was cold all night.

We occasionally had pack rats who made a messy nest of sticks in our primitive cabin. They would take anything shiny to their nest and we sometimes noticed a missing fork or spoon that turned up later in one of these nests. I even woke up one morning with a sock half down a mouse hole. Stanley credited these rodents with super intelligence and powers and spent a lot of time trying to outsmart them. An old money drawer from the bank became a silverware drawer with a lid and a place for a lock if we needed it. He built a metal box that hung on the wall for our clothes and sleeping bags. The matches also went into this box so that mice wouldn't start a fire. He also designed an elaborate screened box for our refrigerator so that the mice and rats couldn't get into it. We were able to fit and screw a simple screen around the motor and wiring on the bottom once we convinced Stanley that even a large pack rat couldn't open the refrigerator door without a pulley system or fence stretcher.



There were a lot of characters who came to camp, some regularly and some just a time or two. Some of us played guitar while the others played moon and drinking was involved. About midnight, Stanley would stop all the games and music, *"There's a guy here who hasn't heard the story about the golden wheelbarrow."* It was a long-drawn-out story about a dying town, a guy who saved the town by building a wheelbarrow factory there, a golden wheelbarrow in the park that was stolen and the town idiot who testified about what he knew about the theft. It turns out the testimony was also a long story about his 'lovely' date with Lula Belle. The best part of the story was watching the new guy hear the story for the first time. Some of the regular guys at camp had heard it so many times that they mouthed the words behind Stanley's back as he told the story. In the end, the story was open ended because the town idiot knew nothing about the golden wheelbarrow. After the story, the new guy got to cut a notch in the header above the door. We had local artist, Roberta Goodfellow, draw a picture of our cabin with a wheelbarrow as a gag gift for Stanley. The picture also included genius mice and rats opening the refrigerator with a pulley, lighting matches and tearing down the notched board -- all things that Stanley fantasized they were smart enough to do. One of these pack rats taunted us by showing up in broad daylight. Carter Curry picked up a 22 rifle to get rid of it only to miss six times in a row from point-blank range; he put six holes into the north side of our cabin. The rat just stopped and looked at Carter after each shot.



**Figure 222: The Golden Wheelbarrow & Genius Rats**

The golden wheelbarrow story was always followed by a story about a magazine salesman with a negative attitude. His sales pitch started enthusiastically, *"Hey lady! You don't want to buy any magazines, do you?"* Magazine sales were so slow that he agreed to dig a toilet hole for a man for twenty dollars and *"...I guarantee it not to stink."*

We played Moon at camp and Stanley was the most skilled player in camp; just like his mother, he would partner with anyone with any level of skill and still win. I watched over his shoulder a few times and found out that he recognized the importance of controlling the game



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by winning the bid. As a result, he controlled the play and how the other players showed their hands by the dominoes he led. One of his favorite things was to take the last trick with blank-1, the lowest domino in the set. He did that by leading doubles; everyone pitched the low dominoes like 6-1, 5-1 and so on because they don't normally take anything. Then Stanley played the double one cleaning out all other ones at the table and then played "...my walking blank-one." He also knew all the best table talk from years of playing bridge, canasta and pitch. Here are a few with my interpretations of their meaning...

### Stanley's Table Talk

### Meaning

God hates a coward .....Overbid your hand & make it easier to beat you  
You agreed to play when you sat down there ....Rush and make a mistake  
I'll never see another poor day .....I have a terrible hand & don't want you to know  
I have a partner, don't I?.....Do you have any doubles?  
This is for my partner.....Take this trick  
Bid 'em high or sleep in the street.....I can't bid, but I'll help you  
You can't do a damn thing without a partner .....Thank you for taking my walker  
Dad-rat the Chamber of Commerce anyhow .....I made a mistake  
Great Jumpin' Jehoshaphat .....I'm really surprised

Bill McBee's brother-in-law, Jerry Alfieri came to camp a few times and he was always good for a lot of laughs. Stanley didn't like hot food and Jerry was eating some jalapeño peppers. Stanley taunted him a little bit, "*Why eat just one at a time? Why don't you eat a whole bunch and get it over with?*" Jerry couldn't stand a challenge like that and took as many as he could out of the jar and put them in his mouth. Stanley continued to tease him, "*If you like it so much why not just drink the juice too?*" So, Jerry turned up the jar and drank the juice. A few years later, Jerry conceded that it was rough the next day.

I say Stanley didn't like hot food but sometimes the Friday-night chili was pretty hot and he would say to me, "*That's the hottest chili you ever made. I'll have another bowl.*"

There was a guy named Jimmy Willie who came to camp at least a couple of times. He was a cabinet builder from Lawton. One morning Stanley woke up and asked who farted all night. Nobody would own up to that and Stanley insisted something was stinking all night and he wouldn't let it go. It turns out that Jimmy Willie was afraid of the dark and he needed to poop. So, he leaned up to the shed and squatted to poop, not two inches on the other side of the tin where Stanley laid his head.

These were times when I felt extremely lucky to be friends with my dad. There was no parent-child hierarchy when we were camping, just friendship. I don't know many people who ever get to that point with their parents and I cherish these memories.

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## Christmas Ornaments 1977



**Figure 223: Rubey's Handmade Christmas Ornaments**

Rubey painted another set of ornaments that were wood; we still use some of them every Christmas. She also took some painting classes and produced a couple of pictures. Her favorite looked like a small aquarium and it was kept on a large brass-colored easel in our dining room for many years. Rubey's great granddaughter and namesake, Ruby, has that picture now.

**1977:** Sometime after she retired, Rubey and Ruth sewed some Christmas ornaments for their grandchildren. Rubey gave us a set that we used for many years. After Jason and Ann Lyn had homes of their own, we divided the ornaments between them, except we kept the two that had their little photographed faces on them.

**1980:** A 1980 interview for the church newsletter indicates that one of Rubey's hobbies at the time was needlework and these ornaments were probably a part of the needlework she mentioned.<sup>1483</sup>

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## Ceramics

1980: In addition to the Christmas ornaments, Rubey made some ceramic Christmas trees.<sup>1484</sup> We have a white one with red birds that is carefully packed away until a few weeks before the holiday.



**Figure 224: Ceramic Christmas Tree**

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## Photography

Stanley had an interest in photography as anyone can see from the large number of photos and videos that he took. One thing that I didn't know is that he also developed photographs for a time. I found a photo from 1938 and Rubey wrote on the back, "*This is Lynn on his first birthday. I took the picture and Stanley developed it. If you look good you can see the candle on the cake. Stella gave him the 'Jeep'*" I guess the little figure is called Jeep. Without any further information, I would guess that Stanley learned from his sister, June. She was a professional photographer and had old developing equipment in her garage that I can

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remember. Kent remembers chemicals and developing pans in the basement at our house at 607 West Oklahoma and I do recall the chemicals he is talking about.<sup>1485</sup>

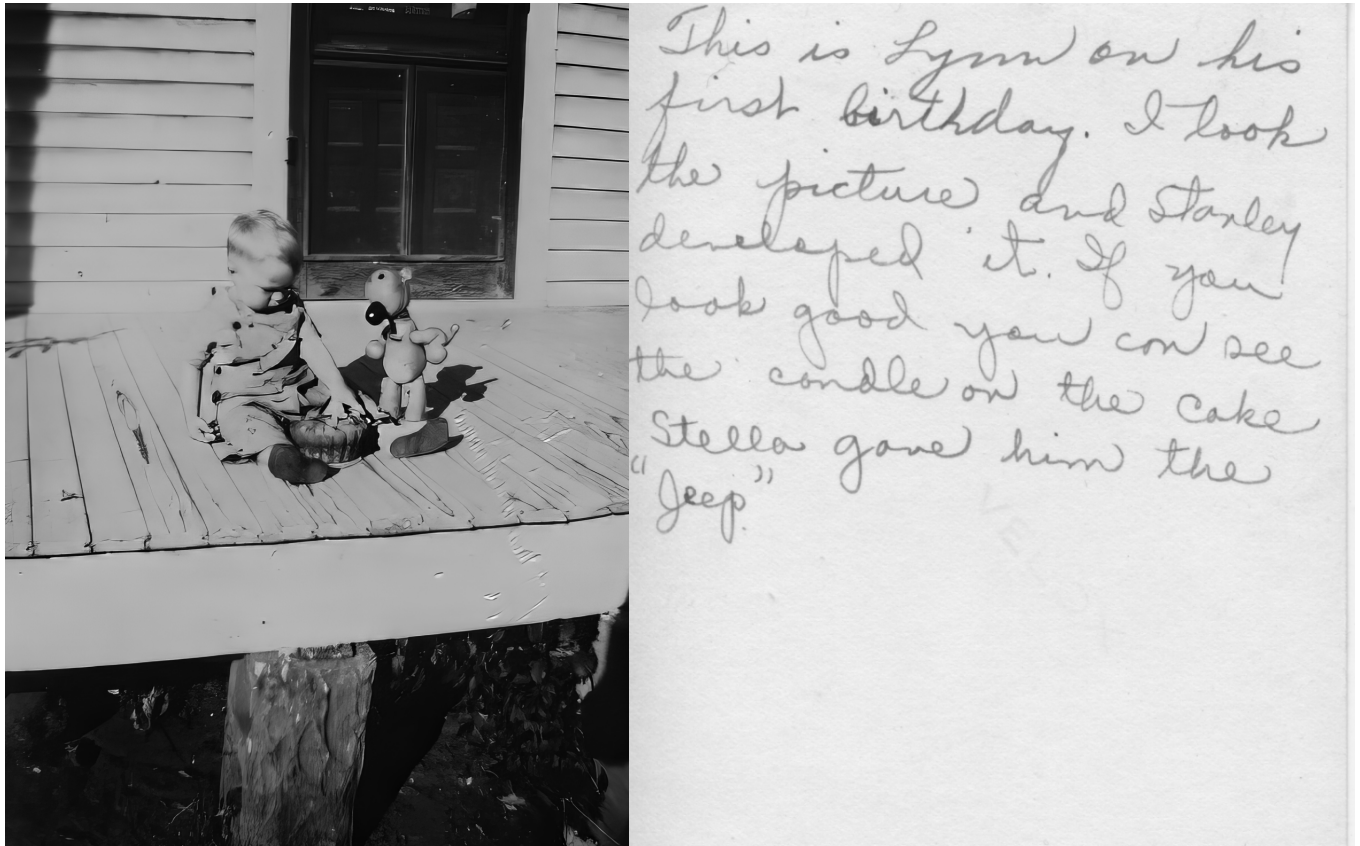


Figure 225: Lynn with 'Jeep' 605 W Okla, 18 Nov 1938

## Rubey's Death, 1983

Back in 1976 when Rubey was diagnosed with Lymphoma, the doctors told Rubey and Stanley that most people would live about seven years with the treatments she got; she just about met the average. Stanley came to me at the office and said a blood vessel in Rubey's arm was weakened and, *"...the doctor said this is what we have been waiting for."* I didn't really know what this meant but assumed the worse. They were on the way to see the doctor in Oklahoma City where Rubey was hospitalized and died a few days later on October 20, 1983. Our immediate family and Aunt Ruth were able to be there that day. It was rainy and the downtown area of Chickasha was flooded when we drove through on the way back home. The Washita River flooded Randlett Park halfway up to the old scout hut.

Although it was expected, it came as a shock to everyone in the family and her many friends. Rubey's death ended their fifty-year-relationship and forty-seven-year marriage. From the pictures and my experience, it was a happy partnership. They valued their family and took great pride in their children and joy in their grandchildren. They danced together in the beginning and with their grandchildren near the end. They made a difference in their church and community. In different ways, they both made people smile.

The day after Rubey died, Stanley paid \$300 for lot 24 block 9 in the Anadarko cemetery.<sup>1486</sup> I think the timing of this purchase is telling about Stanley's personality. It seems to be an indication of how Stanley could deny negative situations, focus on other things, and cover up feelings with funny stories.

The funeral was at the Presbyterian Church in Anadarko two days later. The church was full for the first time in many years and members of the church had to put out rows of folding chairs in the area behind the sanctuary to seat all the people who came. The family was seated near the front left side in the 'Hall' pews where our Hall grandparents had started sitting many years before. Dale Sams conducted the service.

Emory Hurley worked with Rubey at the welfare office in Anadarko; in the church's 100-year anniversary book he wrote, *"We think of her often, and invariably, we smile when we do. Today Karen still has the monkey grass growing here that her good friend, Rubey, gave her in Anadarko."*<sup>1487</sup>

Janet Jackson remembered Rubey, *"Your mom was an angel!!! She raised 4 smart, wonderful sons...she always had a smile, was always interested in 'What 'ya been doin'?...'Tell me about it.' I shall never forget spending the night with them when my dad died. There was 'no room for me in the inn' so I stayed with your folks. Their home was always a haven for me. I always felt welcomed...I always knew I'd leave their home feeling better...I knew I'd been with good people."*<sup>1488</sup>

Rubey's niece Judy Dutcher Orr wrote a short letter in about 2005 that included, *"Aunt Rubey had a great sense of humor & I was always quoting her."* Forty years after Rubey died her granddaughter, Heidi, remembered, *"I miss her laugh. I can still hear it."*<sup>1489</sup>

Melinda Witte worked with Stanley at the savings and loan and remembered Rubey, *"Rubey was a very special lady. She was a Lady, so kind and thoughtful. She had a calm and peaceful demeanor. She was so happy when I told her I was pregnant. She gave me the biggest hug. I still have (and use) the salad bowl she (and Stanley) purchased for me for my wedding shower and still decorate with the Halloween pumpkin and ghost she got me."*<sup>1490</sup>

### Rubey's Death, 1983

Ruth remembered Rubey fifteen years later when she faced her own struggle with cancer and was upbeat about it, "*At least I won't have to wait as long as Rubey did.*"

I remember that she was quiet and gentle with a funny and subtle sense of humor. She demonstrated a great faith in God in the way that she lived and, in the end, in the way that she died. When I was little, she woke me up with a poem that started, "Wake up, wake up my little man, barefoot boy with cheeks of tan." I think it is based on Whittier's poem, 'The Barefoot Boy,' but it may have been something else.

She had a gentle and beautiful spirit.



## After Rubey Died

Stanley tried to distract himself and stay busy but he was pretty depressed and didn't talk to me about it. He appeared to be his old self when around other people and continued to tell funny stories that made people laugh, I think as a way to block his sadness. He told me later that the sadness was almost overwhelming when he was alone.

**1984:** In April, Stanley ordered a grave stone for Rubey that anticipated his burial in the same place. It cost a total of \$1,218.90 and was to be in place before Memorial Day. On the same day, he contracted for a smaller stone for his sister, Clara. Both stones came from the Granite Memorial Company in Granite, Oklahoma.

Stanley made a donation in Rubey's memory to the Apache Historical Society in May. The acknowledgment says that Rubey's name was placed on the society's memorial roll and displayed at the museum.

John Garland filed Rubey's probate notice in mid-November on Stanley's behalf.

**1986:** Louise [Lancaster] Bass came from her home in Yelm, Washington to a high school reunion. Louise was Rubey's roommate at OCW back in the 1930s. Stanley and Louise both knew the same people and had the same memories from that time. I think that Stanley went to visit her in Washington and they quickly decided to get married. In November, Stanley and Louise signed a prenuptial agreement that formalized their plan to separately distribute their estates to their children. John Garland prepared the document. It looks like they signed it on January 8th 1987, after their marriage. The marriage took place at Stanley's house on West Kentucky in January 1987. I sang and played the guitar for the wedding and I believe Glenwood Buzbee was the minister.

Since he was moving to Washington to live with Louise and she already had furniture and an established household, Stanley disposed of his things. I think it was very hard to do, almost like distributing his estate after dying, but he was still alive to see it. He had items that were precious to him that nobody in the family wanted. For example, there was an old turkey roaster that he wanted me to take and it was so old and dented that I refused at first. Then he told me that it belonged to my grandmother and that she cooked with it for special holidays. Once I realized its importance, I agreed to take it and now cherish it. I'm sure there were other examples of the same thing happening between him and my brothers. We took everything that was left to his farm and lined it up in on tables in front of the barn. Bub Tate came from Apache the next day and auctioned everything including the hay in the barn. The man who purchased Stanley's house came during the night and took two large vases that he thought should have stayed with the house. Actually, the vases should have stayed with our house on Central as that is where they were originally. Stanley sold his little farm to George Cheek in late January except for the minerals which he deeded to his four sons.

Stanley loaded a trailer with the things he needed, mostly tools thinking he would do some woodworking in Washington, and they moved to Yelm. The tools either stayed in the trailer or were stored in an open building behind their house. The table saw and other tools from Oklahoma started to rust even though they were in a covered area. The house was a small mobile home that had also been battered by the almost constant rains of that area.

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Flush with cash from the sale of his house and the little farm, Stanley and Louise bought a boat, the Aalu, about forty-five feet and ocean-worthy. They kept it at a dock in Tacoma. He



also requested information about the cash value of his Washington National life insurance at about this time.

We went to visit them at least of couple of times.

I went with Ann

**Figure 226: The Aalu, 1987**

Lyn and Jason during the summer of 1987 taking the boat into the San Juan Islands north of Seattle. Stanley's agility was remarkable to me; at almost eighty years old he hopped from the dock onto the boat and climbed a ladder to the deck. I remember some of the stops we made: Friday Harbor, La Conner, Oak Harbor, Anacortes. Louise's son, Kent, captained the boat and called Stanley 'Commodore,' the commanding officer of a large Royal Navy establishment. At one point we crossed the boundary into Canada near Victoria but didn't go any further. We call this the broccoli cruise because we had an ice chest full of broccoli but lacked some of the things I thought were cooking necessities: flour, milk, beer, chile powder, onions, meat, etc. Ann Lyn and Jason dug some clams one day and I was going to make some chowder before I found we had no flour, no onions, no potatoes and no milk. I was able to find milk at the next port but had to use crushed cornflakes to thicken the chowder. At one point we went ashore to get gas and I saw some guys unloading salmon at the dock and immediately bought one of them; it was a good choice. About a year later we moved to California and visited Stanley and Louise from there.



**Figure 227: L to R: Ann Lyn, Jason, Stanley, Deception Pass Bridge, 1987**

**1989:** Stanley wrote his memories of the Anadarko Presbyterian church for the 100-year anniversary. He also added a memorial page for Rubey. He and Louise went to Anadarko for the celebration.

Stanley and Louise came to see us in Redwood City in 1989 and my cousin Paula Fisher came over from Sacramento for the day.



**Figure 228: Front L To R: Ann Lyn, Louise, Jason, Paula; Back L To R: Gene, Margaret, Stanley, Redwood City, 1989**



**Figure 229: Stanley & Louise, about 1990**





**Figure 230: Some of Stanley's Parakeets, About 1990**

After he moved to Yelm, Stanley developed an interest in birds, particularly parakeets and canaries. He belonged to a canary club there and talked about the different songs birds could develop.

**1990:** Stanley borrowed \$800 on his life insurance policy with Washington National Insurance Company. I don't know the purpose of the loan or if they were having some sort of shortage at that time.

Stanley liked to play the lottery in both Washington and California. He bought \$20 in tickets in Washington every week as far as I remember. When the pot got particularly large in California, he would send me a \$20 bill in the mail and ask that I buy tickets for him. Stanley had big plans for the winnings and would describe for me how it was to be distributed among his children and grandchildren. He never won a big amount though.

**1992:** Stanley signed a health care directive with end-of-life care instructions. In September he and Louise applied for some sort of assistance; my recollection is that it was for hospice care. In the application, they noted income of almost \$2,900 per month...

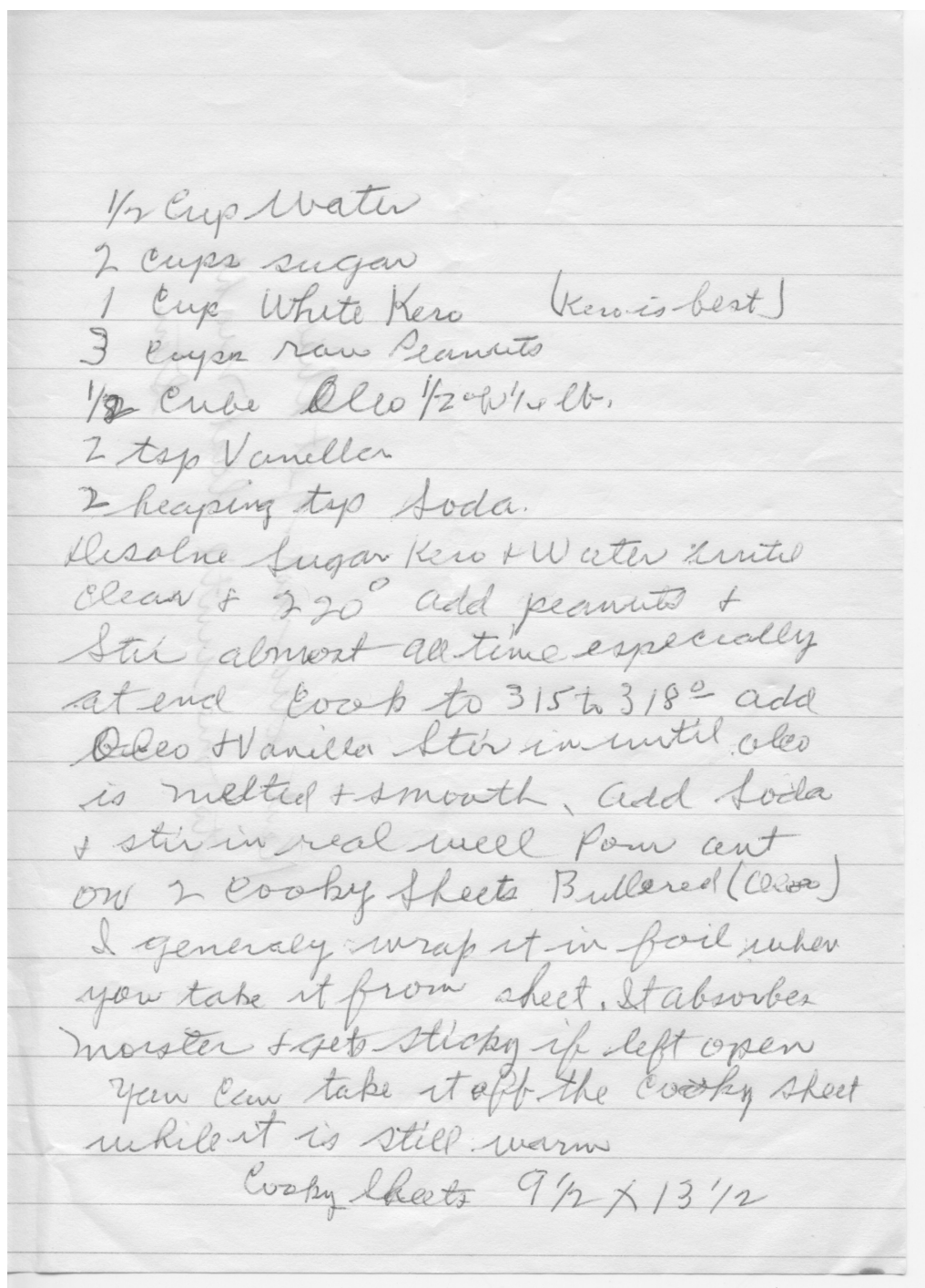
Stanley Social Security .....\$1,309

Louise Social Security .....\$469

Louise CA Teachers' Retirement.....\$1,113

Interestingly, he lived another thirteen years after the hospice care was recommended by his doctor.

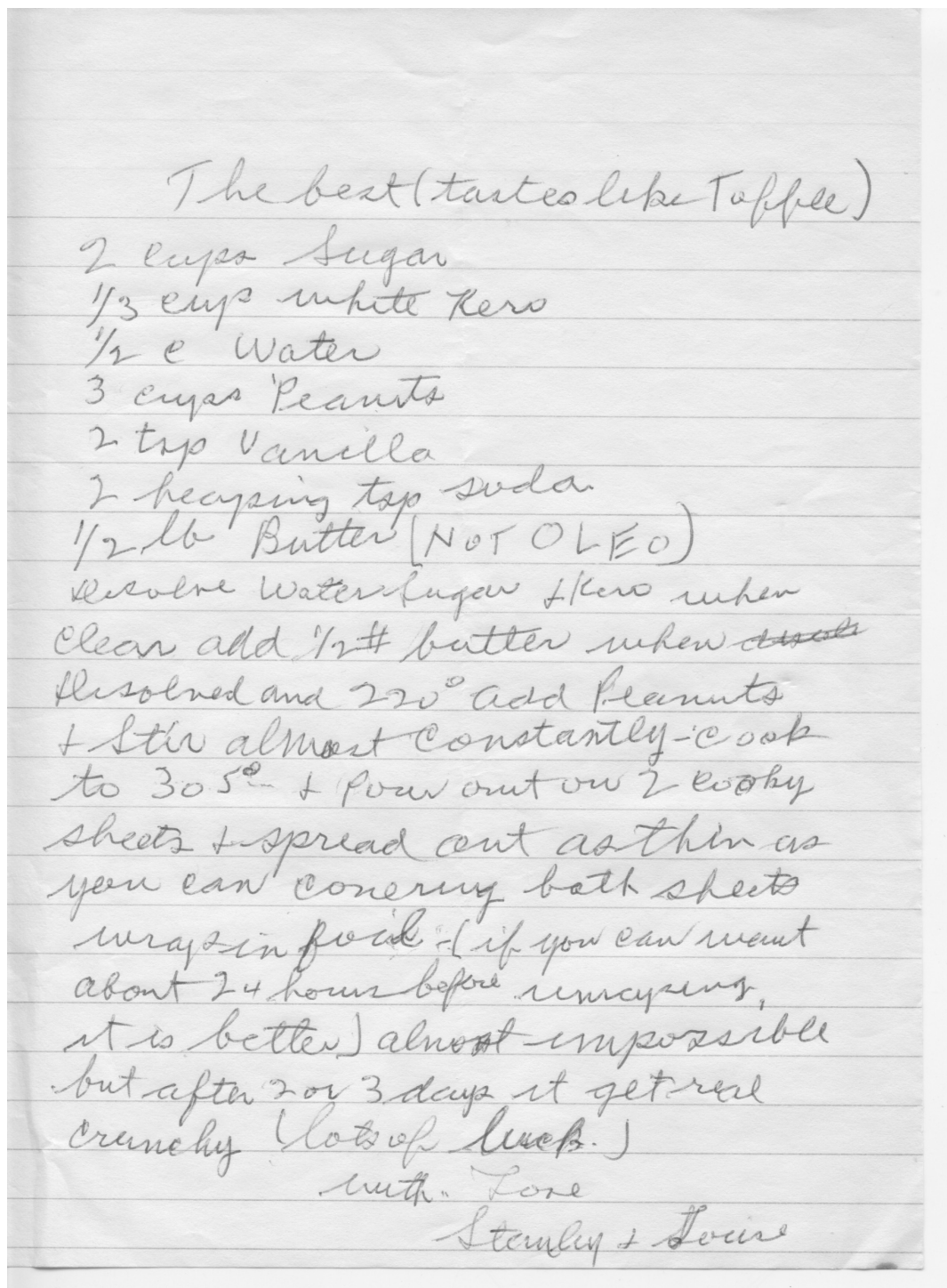
**1995:** Stanley wrote a letter to Bill McBee in December 1995 with two candy recipes, "I use a heavy-gauge aluminum pressure cooker & a Thompson candy thermometer." He was proud of these and wanted to make sure someone could make them.



1/2 Cup Water  
2 cups sugar  
1 Cup White Kero (Kero is best)  
3 cups raw Peanuts  
1/2 Cube Oleo 1/2 tsp V. & B.  
2 tsp Vanilla  
2 heaping tsp Soda.  
Dissolve Sugar Kero + Water until  
clear + 220° add peanuts +  
Stir almost all time especially  
at end Cook to 315 to 318° add  
Oleo + Vanilla Stir in until oleo  
is melted + smooth. Add Soda  
+ stir in real well Pour out  
on 2 Cookie sheets Buttered (over)  
I generally wrap it in foil when  
you take it from sheet. It absorbs  
moister + gets sticky if left open  
you can take it off the cookie sheet  
while it is still warm  
Cookie sheets 9 1/2 x 13 1/2

Figure 231: Candy Recipe 1





**Figure 232: Candy Recipe 2**

**1997:** Stanley's life insurance policy with Washington National matured in April and Stanley surrendered it for the \$1,000 value. Part of it may have been used to pay off his loan from 1990.

**2002:** In September Stanley gave a 'General Power of Attorney' to Louise and to me which allowed either of us to transact business for him.

# Stanley's Death

Stanley died on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005, at the Providence Saint Peter Hospital in Olympia, Washington. He was ninety-two years old. Stanley had a lot of health issues late in his life; his

death certificate says that he died of a heart attack. His body was cremated as he had requested and returned to Oklahoma for burial.

A celebration of Stanley's life was held at the Presbyterian Church on January 14th conducted by Barbara Hunt, the church's part-time minister. In her remarks, Reverend Hunt mentioned that Stanley had memories of his family coming to the church at age five and remembered his Sunday school teachers, and *"...upon the good foundation they provided for a Christian life. As he was raised, so he and Rubey raised four sons; all baptized in this church."* John Garland pointed out that Stanley must have made loans to half the town and I expected a large turnout. But it was mostly family and members of the church who attended the service. Forty-two people signed Stanley's memorial booklet and there were flowers and condolences sent from nieces and nephews in California. Unfortunately, the ashes arrived too late for burial the same day as the service. We all returned to our homes and a small burial ceremony was conducted a few days later with the minister, John Garland and my brother Lynn's family there.

Melinda Witte recalls, *"He was a fun-loving, caring person with a great sense of humor. His infectious laugh is one that I haven't forgotten. Gene, you have that same laugh."*<sup>1491</sup>

Janet Jackson couldn't attend Stanley's funeral but sent a letter, *"You must all feel blessed for having him so long. I bet he and Daddy have already found a super garden spot just inside the Gate and are having the time of their life"*<sup>1492</sup>

Maxie Courtney was an important part of the church as she arranged flowers every Sunday for as long as I can remember. She delivered fresh flowers regardless of the weather. Maxie wrote a short note in a sympathy card to us, *"Stanley was a nice person to work with in the church and I appreciated his good advice..."*

John Garland wrote his memories for Stanley's memorial service, *"I will be forever thankful to Stanley. He was one of the first persons to visit with me when I first moved to Anadarko. When I barely knew my way to the courthouse, he entrusted me not only with legal work, but also his friendship. When a child or young person dies, you hear the use of the expression 'forever young.' A true friend and 'forever young' is how I shall remember Stanley. When I first met Stanley, he was in his mid-fifties and I was in my mid-twenties. With Stanley there was never an age difference. The last time I saw and talked with Stanley, he had not aged in either mind or spirit. There had been no diminishment of his wit and intellect. He still thought*

## WILLIAM HALL

Memorial service for William Stanley Hall, 92, of Yelm, Wash., will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14 at the Presbyterian Church of Anadarko with the pastor, Barbara Hunt, officiating.

Mr. Hall was born March 13, 1912 on the old Bertha Pickard place, northeast of Gracemont to Levi Elmer and Mary Mahala (Longnecker) Hall, pioneers in Caddo County and died Jan. 4, 2005 in Olympia, Wash.

He married the former Rubey Della Cook at the Presbyterian Church in Anadarko June 7, 1936. She died Nov. 28, 1983.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; 11 brothers and sisters, Barbara Albert Oelke, Ruth Marie Reese, Mary June Lane, James Daniel Hall, Lewis Elmer Hall, Hazel Anna Brooks, Clara Bell Hall, Carl Edward Hall, Stella Jane Fisher, Margaret Hall and Marjorie Hall, and a son, William Ray Hall.

Mr. Hall spent most of his life in Anadarko from 1913 until 1986, when he moved to Washington.

He was a graduate of Anadarko High School.

He served as a member, officer and board member for many groups in Anadarko including the Presbyterian Church, Kiwanis Club, the Masons, the water board that created Fort Cobb Lake, First State Bank, and the Anadarko Board of Education.

He held numerous jobs in Anadarko, including work for Clon Summers at the Summer's Five and Dime, delivering freight in a Model-T automobile, and at Whittaker's Dairy where he and his brother, Carl, wrapped butter.

During his adult life he worked for the Caddo County Treasurer's Office, First State Bank of Anadarko, and the American Savings and Loan.

Survivors include his second wife, Louise (Lancaster) Hall of Yelm; four sons, Stanley Lynn Hall of Norman, Roger Ivan Hall of Phoenix, Ariz., Earl Kent Hall of Brentwood, Tenn., and Gene Cook Hall of Mountain View, Calif.; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives, and many loving friends.

Services are under the direction of Steverson Funeral Home of Anadarko.

Condolences may be sent to the family in care of Steverson Funeral Home, 1115 S. Mission, Anadarko, 73005 or via e-mail at [stevefh@net-ride.net](mailto:stevefh@net-ride.net).

Figure 233: Obituary

## Stanley's Death

*and acted young. Memories are the best legacy one can leave, and Stanley left each of us with many memories.*"<sup>1493</sup>

Louise held a separate memorial for Stanley at the Point Wilson Lighthouse at Point Townsend, Washington.

I remember that he always had a funny joke to tell and people were naturally at ease with him. He came to stay with us in California for a while and I took him for blood tests. When we got there, the nurse on duty was arguing loudly with someone on the phone. After five minutes with Stanley, she was laughing like they were long lost friends. When we left, she said, "*You come back and see me real soon, Mr. Stanley.*" When I was little and got an earache, he would blow cigar smoke into my ear to help. He believed that he could do anything and tested that belief with a huge variety of projects over his lifetime from sewing to construction. He taught us to believe that we could do anything too.

## Appendix

Note in Rubey's handwriting showing places where her mother lived

Laura McCall  
James, etc. mother  
born in Iowa

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Sold Rock House - 1925  
Moved to Walker house  
in 1924

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Moved ~~Rock~~ House  
E. of Boone 1926 -  
1 yr.

Moved to Hinton  
1927 (1 yr)

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Moved from Ft. Cobb  
to Apache ~~in~~  
Feb 3, 1911

## Rubey's Pre-Diploma Examination

*Ruby Cook*  
*Apache B. 2nd*  
EXAMINATION *April* 192*8*  
Age \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_

The County Superintendent should assign  
grades on the following subjects before  
issuing the diploma.

JOHN VAUGHN  
State Supt. of Pub.

Agriculture	<i>70</i>	History Okla.	<i>85</i>
Arithmetic	<i>60</i>	Music	<i>70</i>
Civics	<i>96</i>	Penmanship	<i>70</i>
Composition		Physiology	<i>92</i>
Geography	<i>89</i>	Reading	<i>88</i>
Grammar	<i>75</i>	Spelling	<i>70</i>
History U. S.	<i>88</i>	Domestic Science	<i>88</i>

I, *Walter Morris* County Superintendent of *Caddo*  
County, do hereby certify that the above grades are correct

*Walter Morris*  
County Superintendent



## Rubey's 8th Grade Diploma

Arith. 60	
Civics 76	
Geog. 89	
Grammar 75	
U. S. Hist. 88	
Okl. " 85	
Music 70	
Pen 70	
Phys. 72	
Read 88	
Spell 70	
Comp. 88	

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

RUBY COOK

*has completed the regular course of study prescribed by the State Board of Education of the State of Oklahoma for the first eight years and has passed a satisfactory examination in all subjects of the Common School Course and is therefore, entitled to this Certificate of Promotion which admits the holder to any high school or accredited secondary school in the State of Oklahoma.*

*Given at Oklahoma City this first day of June, 1928*

*John Vaughan*  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

*Walter Morris*  
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

TEACHER

## Appendix

### Rubey's Grade Cards 1929

ANADARKO SCHOOL CREDIT CARD

Name Cook, Rubey

Subject English II Grade B+

This Pupil is in the Upper--Middle--Lower--Group of this Class

Date 10/11/29 Semester 1st

Muri Barry Teacher

My First Grades at

ANADARKO SCHOOL CREDIT CARD

Name Cook, Rubey

Subject Spanish I Grade C

This Pupil is in the--Upper--Middle--Lower--Group of this Class

Date Oct. 11, 1929 Semester 1st

Emma Campbell Teacher

ANADARKO SCHOOL CREDIT CARD

Name Ruby Cook

Subject Math 9 Grade A-

This Pupil is in the--Upper--Middle--Lower--Group of this Class

Date 10/11/29 Semester 1st

Schooner Teacher

Anadarko H.L. Good? Well no!



ANADARKO SCHOOL CREDIT CARD

Name Cook, Ruby

Subject Home Ec. Grade B

Date May 12 Semester 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mahala Mullins

ANADARKO SCHOOL CREDIT CARD

Name Ruby Cook

Subject Math. Hist. Grade C-

This Pupil is in the--Upper--Middle--Lower--Group of this Class

Date Oct. 14 47 Semester 1<sup>st</sup>

Maxine Schlicht Teacher

ANADARKO SCHOOL CREDIT CARD

Name Cook Ruby

Subject Am. History Grade B-

Date Feb 26 48 Semester 2<sup>nd</sup>

Filgore Teacher.

ANADARKO SCHOOL CREDIT CARD

Name Cook Ruby

Subject Civics Grade B-

Date May 20 47 Semester 2<sup>nd</sup>

RE Lee

ANADARKO SCHOOL CREDIT CARD

Name Cook, Ruby

Subject Am. Hist. Grade B B

Date May 20, 1932 Semester 2<sup>nd</sup>

Filgore

ANADARKO SCHOOL CREDIT CARD

Name Cook, Ruby

Subject Home Ec. Grade C

Date April 12 Semester 2<sup>nd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>

Mullins

ANADARKO SCHOOL CREDIT CARD

Name Cook Ruby

Subject Geom. Grade A- 1/2

Date May 20 1932 Semester 2<sup>nd</sup>

Kathleen E Lee

ANADARKO SCHOOL CREDIT CARD

Name Cook, Ruby

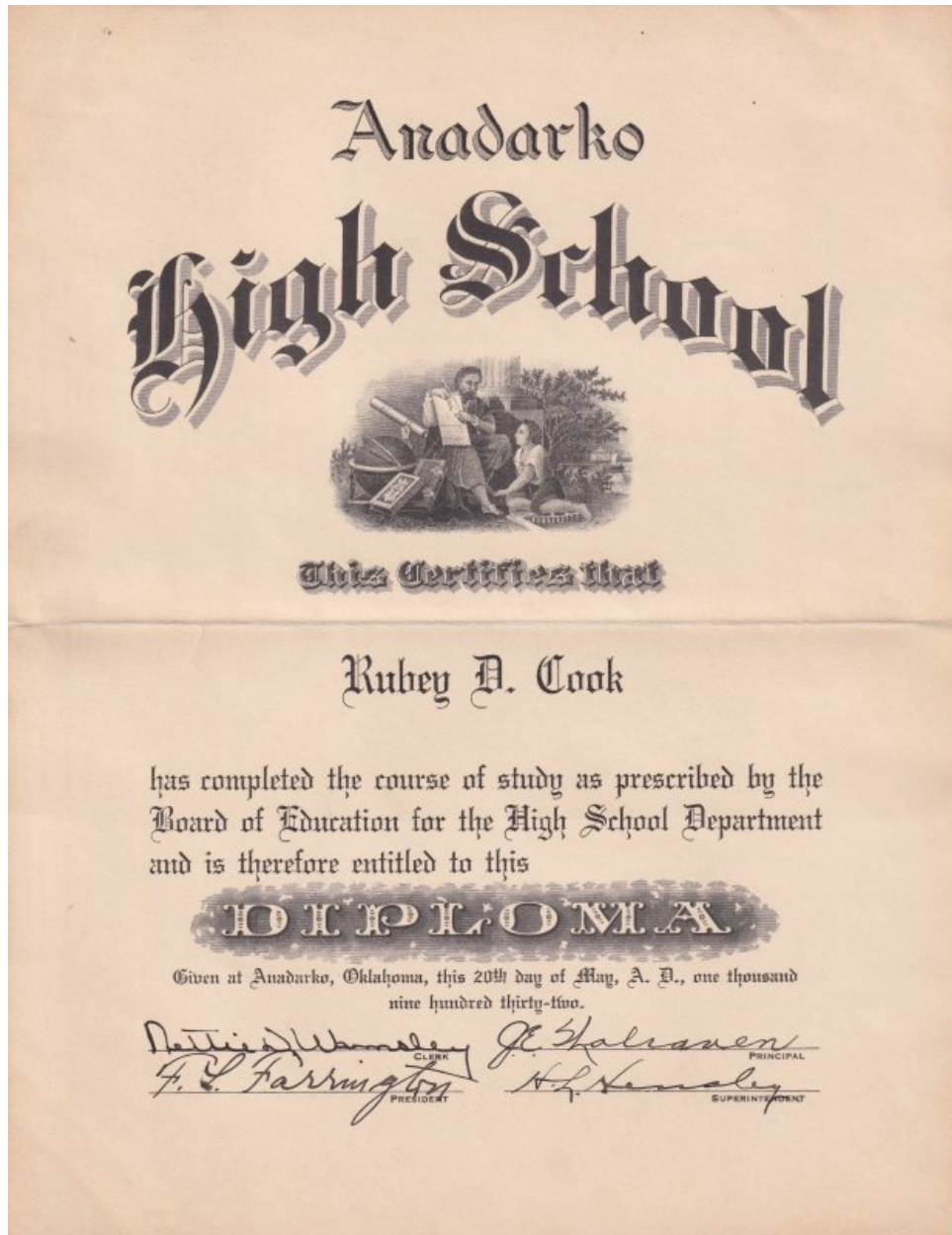
Subject Home Ec. Grade B-

Date Feb. 29, 1932 Semester 1<sup>st</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>

Mahala Mullins Teacher.

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*Rubey's High School Diploma*



# Rubey's Entrance Credits from Anadarko High School for OCW

High School Record			
Name (Reversed) <u>Cook, Ruby</u>		Date of Matriculation _____	
Address <u>Anadarko, Oklahoma</u>		Prepared at <u>Anadarko High School</u>	
Credits filed <u>Sept. 12, 1932</u>			
ENGLISH	Modern <u>1</u>	SCIENCE	Com. Law _____
I. Comp. & Rhet. <u>1</u>	English _____	Hygiene _____	Voice _____
II. Comp. & Rhet. <u>1</u>	American <u>1</u>	Physics _____	Com. Geog. _____
Amer. Lit. <u>1</u>	Civics <u>1/2</u>	Gen. Science <u>1</u>	MISC. _____
Eng. Lit. _____	Economic <u>1/2</u>	Chemistry _____	
Com. Eng. _____	Sociology _____	Physiology <u>1/2</u>	Psych. <u>1/2</u>
		Botany _____	Art _____
		Zoology <u>1</u>	
		Physiol. _____	
MATH.	FORN LANG.	Asst. <u>1/2</u>	
Algebra <u>1</u>	1st Yr. Fran. _____		
Pl. Geom. <u>1</u>	2nd Yr. Fran. _____		
Sol. Geom. _____	1st Yr. Latin _____		
Adv. Alg. _____	2nd Yr. Latin _____		
Arith. _____	Civics _____	OCU. SUBJ'S	
	Visual _____	Typow. _____	
	1st Yr. Span. <u>1</u>	St. nou. _____	Com. Geog. <u>1/2</u>
	2nd Yr. Span. <u>1</u>	Pen-Spel. _____	
HISTORY		Phag. _____	Pub. Soks. _____
Ancient <u>1</u>		Dom. Sc. _____	Physical Ed. _____
		Dom. Art. _____	
		Reading _____	
Complete for <u>15 units</u>		Date _____	
O indicates that subject is not completed.			
ENTRANCE CREDITS			



# Appendix

## Rubey Cook OCW Transcript

Name (Reversed) <u>Cook, Rubey</u>		College or School of <u>                    </u>						
Admitted <u>Sept. 12, 1932</u>		Entrance Conditions <u>                    </u>						
First Year <u>1932-33</u>		Second Year <u>1933-34</u>						
Third Year <u>1934-35</u>		Fourth Year <u>1935-36</u>						
Department of <u>                    </u>								
Advanced Standing, Credit by Exam, Etc. <u>                    </u>								
First Semester	English 1	D 3	French 1a	F -	French 1a	D 3	Com. 30a	C 3
	Euthenics 1	D 2	Botany 1	D 4	Math. 3	D 3	Com. 171a	C 3
	History 1	C 3	Educ. 20	D 3	Com. 20a	C 3	Com. 181	C 2
	Commerce 21	C 2	P. Ed. 3	C 2	Com. 26	C 2	Econ. 120a	C 3
	Psych. 1	C 3	P. Ed. 2	C 1	Com. 125	C 2	Econ. 140	C 3
	Fr. Lec.	P -			Econ. 1a	C 2	French 12	D 3
	P. Ed. 1	C 1			P. Ed. 8	C 1	P. Ed. 108	C 1
			Less 1 point					
			14		Less 1 point			
						Less 1 point		
Second Semester	English 1b	C 3	History 36	D 2	English 112	D 2	English 222	D 2
	H. Ec. 1	D 3	Math. 7	C 3	History 17	C 2	French 12b	D 3
	History 1b	C 3	Econ. 1	C 2	French 1b	D 3	Geog. 101	D 2
	Com. 21b	W -	Psych. 123	C 2	Com. 20b	D 3	Com. 30b	C 3
	Educ. 16	C 2	Educ. 13	C 2	Com. 21b	C 2	Econ. 120b	D 3
	Educ. 37	D 2	Educ. 33	D 3	Com. 125b	C 2	Educ. 50	D 1
	Psych. 2	D 3	Educ. 36	C 3	Com. 180	C 3	Rel. Ed. 102	D 1
	P. Ed. 7	C 1	P. Ed. 1	C 1	P. Ed. 125	C 1	Lect. 101	P 1
	Fr. Lec. 2	C 1					P. Ed. 7	C 1
			Less 1 point	14	Less 2 points		Less 1 point	
Remarks: <u>Five 3-point items, dated 8-20-36</u>		B.S. Degree Conferred <u>May 27, 1936</u>						
Not A. B. Credit.		Major Subject <u>Commerce</u>						
<u>A.C.E. Psych. Dept. - 73</u>		OKLAHOMA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN						
		Reading Office <u>Cook, Rubey</u>						

*Rubey Cook OCW Transcript Analysis*

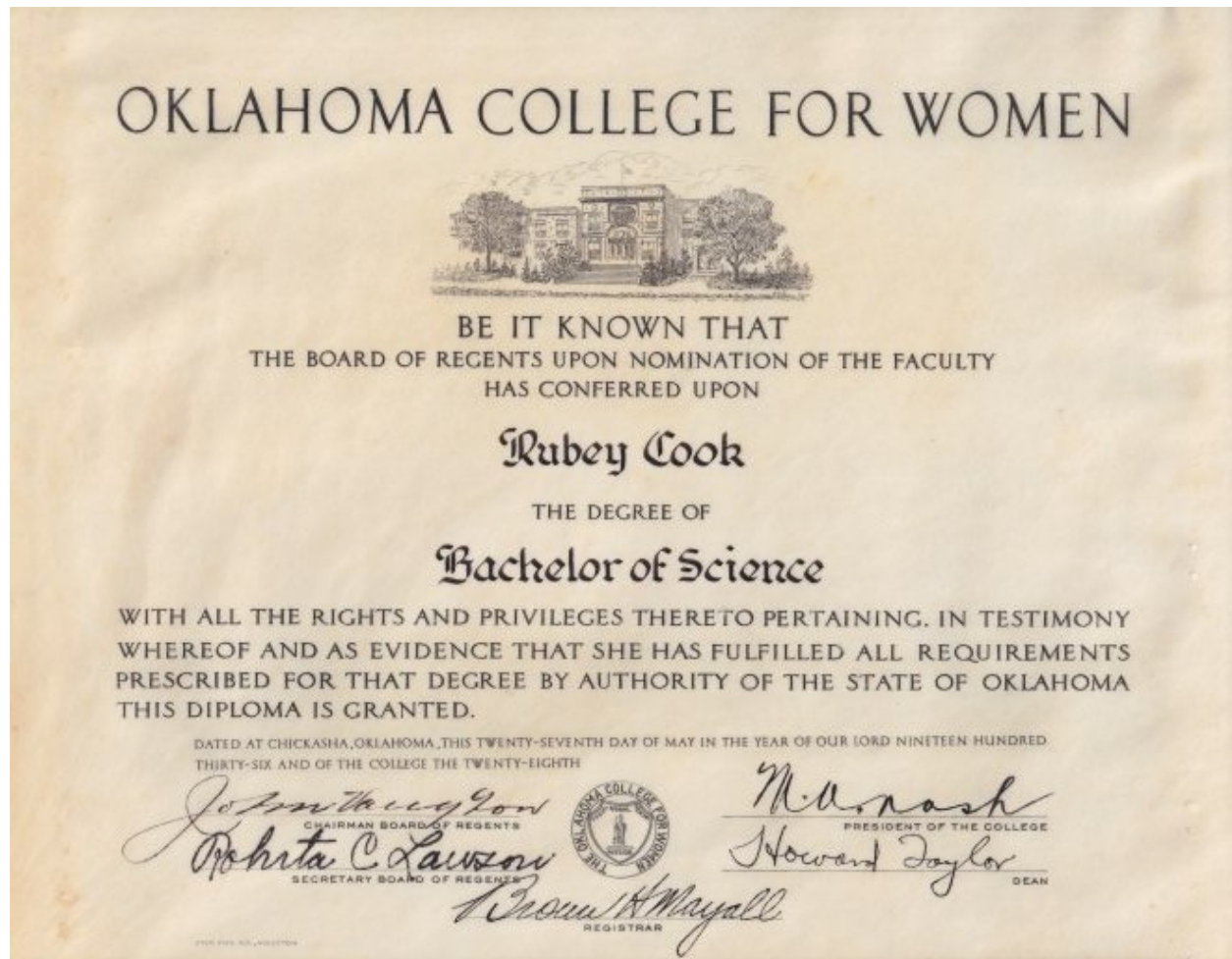
Analysis of Rubey's OCW Grade Point Average							
Class	Grade	Credits	0-4 Score	Score * Credits	Semester	Year	GPA
English 1	D	3	1	3	1	1932-1933	
Euthenics 1	D	2	1	2	1	1932-1933	
History 1	C	3	2	6	1	1932-1933	
Commerce 21	C	2	2	4	1	1932-1933	
Psychology 1	C	3	2	6	1	1932-1933	
French Lecture	P	0	0	0	1	1932-1933	
Physi Ed 1	C	1	2	2	1	1932-1933	
<b>Total</b>		14	10	23			1.64
English 1b	C	3	2	6	2	1932-1933	
History Economics 1	D	3	1	3	2	1932-1933	
History 1b	C	3	2	6	2	1932-1933	
Commerce 21b	W	0	0	0	2	1932-1933	
Education 16	C	2	2	4	2	1932-1933	
Education 37	D	2	1	2	2	1932-1933	
Psychology 2	D	3	1	3	2	1932-1933	
Phys Ed 7	D	1	1	1	2	1932-1933	
French Lecture 2	C	1	2	2	2	1932-1933	
<b>Total</b>		18	12	27			1.50
French 1a	F	0	0	0	1	1933-1934	
Botany 1	D	4	1	4	1	1933-1934	
Education 20	D	3	1	3	1	1933-1934	
Phys Ed 3	C	2	2	4	1	1933-1934	
Phys Ed 2	C	1	2	2	1	1933-1934	
<b>Total</b>		10	6	13			1.30

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Analysis of Rubey's OCW Grade Point Average							
Class	Grade	Credits	0-4 Score	Score * Credits	Semester	Year	GPA
History 36	D	2	1	2	2	1933-1934	
Math 7	C	3	2	6	2	1933-1934	
Economics 1	C	2	2	4	2	1933-1934	
Phychology 123	C	2	2	4	2	1933-1934	
Education 13	C	2	2	4	2	1933-1934	
Education 33	D	3	1	3	2	1933-1934	
Education 36	C	3	2	6	2	1933-1934	
Phys Ed 1	C	1	2	2	2	1933-1934	
<b>Total</b>		18	14	31			1.72
French 1a	D	3	1	3	1	1934-1935	
Math 3	D	3	1	3	1	1934-1935	
Commerce 20a	C	3	2	6	1	1934-1935	
Commerce 26	C	2	2	4	1	1934-1935	
Commerce 125	C	2	2	4	1	1934-1935	
Economics 1a	C	2	2	4	1	1934-1935	
Phys Ed 8	C	1	2	2			
<b>Total</b>		16	12	26			1.63
English 112	D	2	1	2	2	1934-1935	
History 17	C	2	2	4	2	1934-1935	
French 1b	D	3	1	3	2	1934-1935	
Commerce 20b	D	3	1	3	2	1934-1935	
Commerce 21b	C	2	2	4	2	1934-1935	
Commerce 125b	C	2	2	4	2	1934-1935	
Commerce 180	C	3	2	6	2	1934-1935	
Phys Ed 125	C	1	2	2	2	1934-1935	
<b>Total</b>		18	13	28			1.56

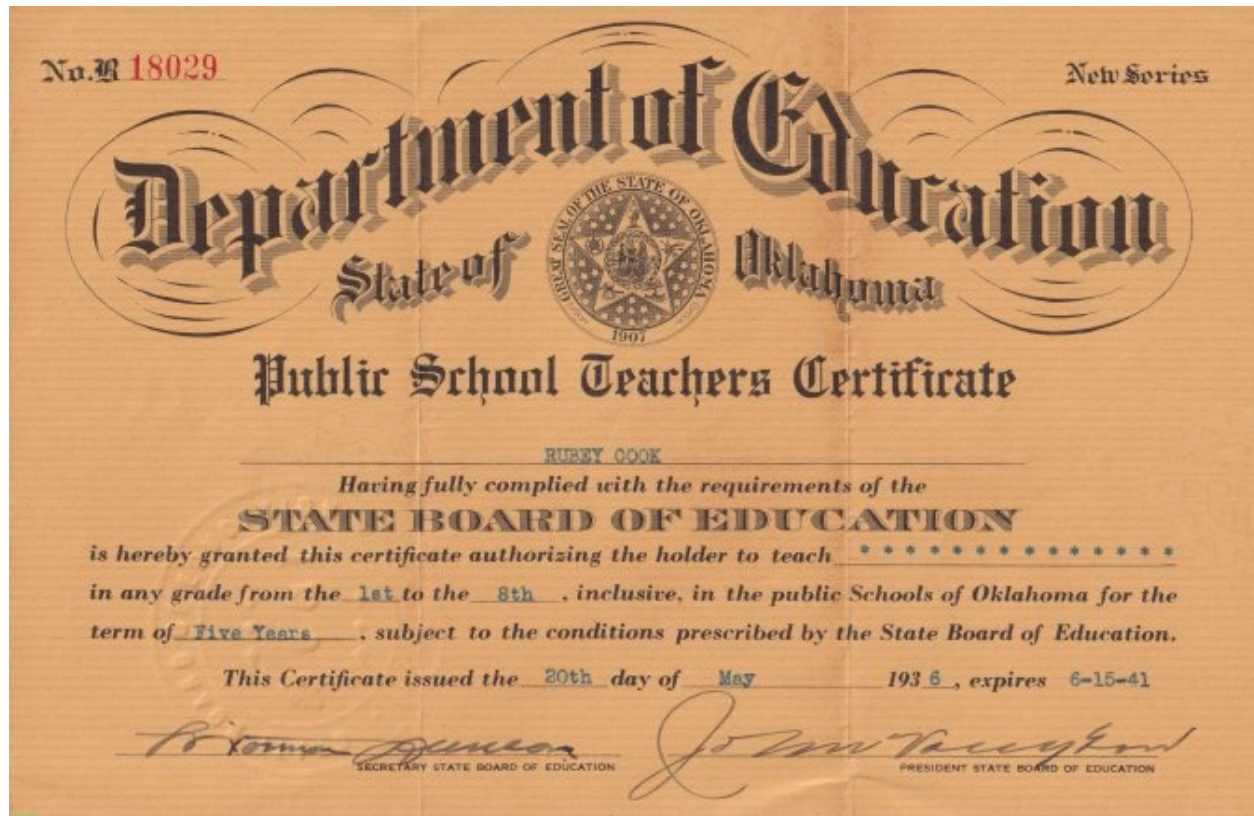
Analysis of Rubey's OCW Grade Point Average							
Class	Grade	Credits	0-4 Score	Score * Credits	Semester	Year	GPA
Commerce 30a	C	3	2	6	1	1935-1936	
Commerce 171a	C	3	2	6	1	1935-1936	
Commerce 181	C	2	2	4	1	1935-1936	
Economics 120a	C	3	2	6	1	1935-1936	
French 12	D	3	1	3	1	1935-1936	
Phys Ed 108	C	1	2	2	1	1935-1936	
Total		15	11	27			1.80
English 222	D	2	1	2	2	1935-1936	
French 12b	D	3	1	3	2	1935-1936	
Geography 101	D	2	1	2	2	1935-1936	
Commerce 30b	C	3	2	6	2	1935-1936	
Economics 120b	D	3	1	3	2	1935-1936	
Education 50	D	1	1	1	2	1935-1936	
Religious Ed 102	D	1	1	1	2	1935-1936	
Lecture 101	P	0	0	0	2	1935-1936	
Phys Ed 7	C	1	2	2	2	1935-1936	
Total		16	10	20			1.25
Cumulative		125	88	195			1.56

*Rubey's OCW Diploma*



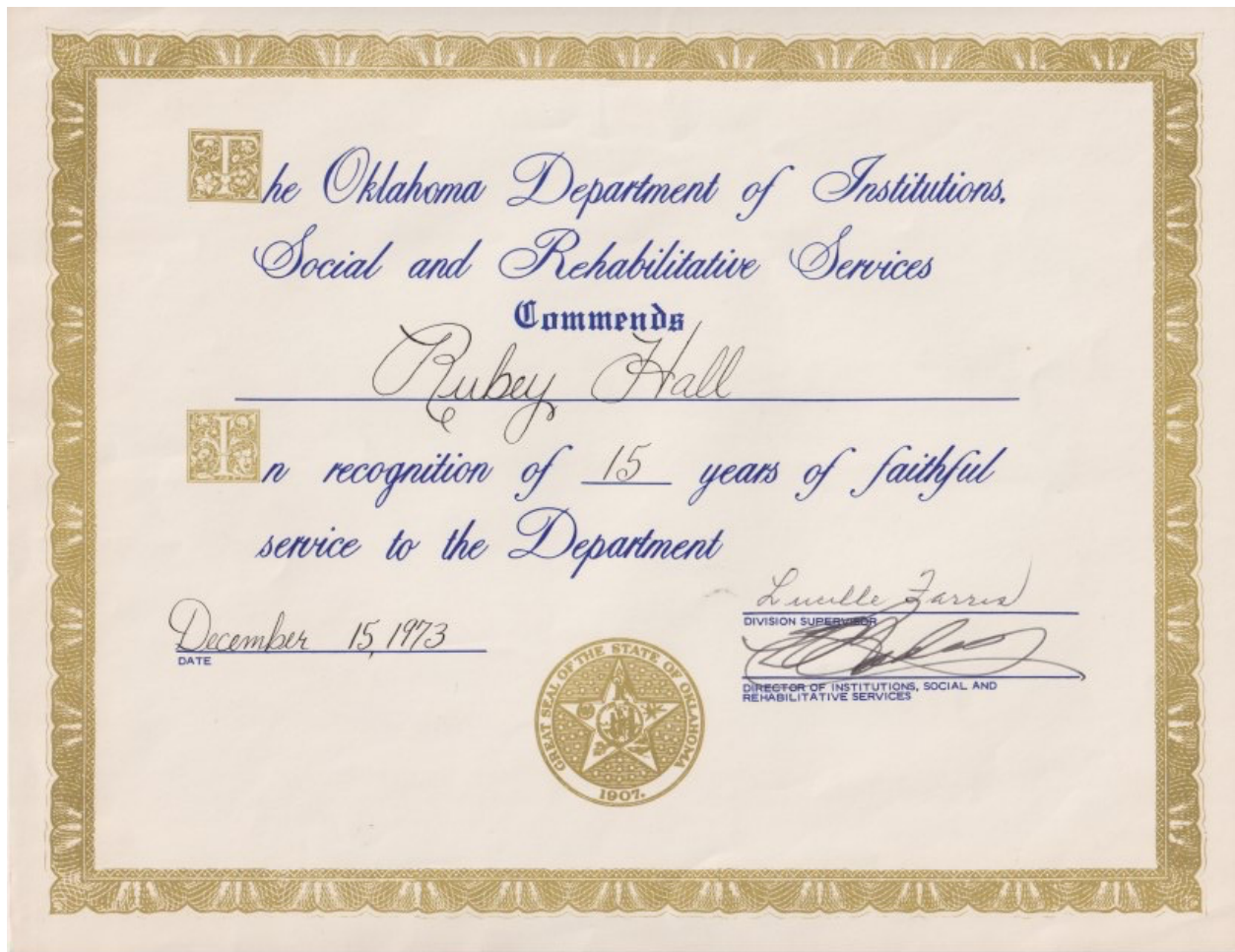


Rubey's Public School Teachers Certificate



Appendix

*Rubey's Commendation from Welfare Office*





## Presbyterian Church Marriage Record Page 1

## IX. REGISTER OF MARRIAGES

NUMBER OF MARRIAGE		NAME IN FULL	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	DATE OF MARRIAGE MONTH DAY YEAR	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
182	MAN	Bill Newell	Gracemont		
	WOMAN	Audrey King	"	Mar 23-36	manse
183	MAN	Halter Smith	Las Vegas N. M.		
	WOMAN	Miss Eula Freeman	Muncie	May 4-36	manse
184	MAN	Otho O. Sparks	Norman		
	WOMAN	Julia K. Fulkerson	Anadarko	May 17-36	home
185	MAN	Roy Frazer	Carnegie		
	WOMAN	Miss Mildred Hoil	Int. View	May 23-36	manse
186	MAN	Stanley Hall	Anadarko		
	WOMAN	Miss Ruby Cook	"	June 7-36	only at ch in m
187	MAN	Wayland Michael	Healdton		
	WOMAN	Miss Nell Gauntt	Carter	July 4, 36	manse
188	MAN	George Harmon	Okla. City		
	WOMAN	Miss Dorothy Root	"	July 5-36	manse
189	MAN	Vernon A. Wiegman	Chickasha		
	WOMAN	Pauline Mildred Moore	"	July 6-36	manse
190	MAN	Grady Stockton	Gotebo		
	WOMAN	Miss Leona Mae Rager	"	July 11-36	manse
191	MAN	Frank Carter	Carnegie		
	WOMAN	Miss Hazel Rhodes	Cowden	Sep 24-36	manse
192	MAN	Nallae James Black	Lawton		
	WOMAN	Miss Maud Evans Carter	"	Dec. 11-36	manse
193	MAN	Earl Vaughan	Anadarko		
	WOMAN	Miss Vera Jackson	"	Dec 19 36	manse
194	MAN	Ward Fife	Carnegie		
	WOMAN	Miss Wilda Turner	Colony	Feb 12-37	manse
195	MAN	Gas. H. Kendrick	Lawton		
	WOMAN	Bernice Metcalf	"	Mar 7-37	manse
196	MAN	Hubert Schmidt	Hinton		
	WOMAN	Miss Marie Thiessen	"	Mar 17-37	manse
197	MAN	Harold MacLison	Chickasha		
	WOMAN	Beulah Jennison	"	Mar 26-37	manse
198	MAN	Wesley Hinckley	H. Coll		
	WOMAN	Edna Jantz	"	April 9-37	manse

## IX. REGISTER OF MARRIAGES

PLACE OF MARRIAGE	OFFICIATING MINISTER	DATE OF LICENSE IF ISSUED			NAMES OF TWO WITNESSES
		MONTH	DAY	YEAR	
manse	John S. Meeker				Georgia Meeker Ruth
manse	" "				Georgia Meeker Ruth
home	" "				Helen Fulkeram Reuben K. Sparks Florence Hays Paul Lee
manse	" "				Louise Lancaster Kenneth Michels
Sunday at ch 8 a. m	" "				
manse	" "				Mr & Mrs. Ray Holder
manse	" "				" " Tullie Parrish T. J. Johnston Yanna Mae Ryan Ruth Harder Buck Brooks Mrs. Eva Brewer
manse	" "				Georgia Meeker Helen Cudell C. W. Carter Lottie Jackson Mrs. John Meeker O. L. Fife Fern Fife Paul Griffiths
manse	" "				Mrs. Bertha Hunter Mrs. Laura B. Oelke Georgia Meeker Mary Meeker E. L. Pruett C. J. Lang Mrs. W. F. Hincke
manse	" "				



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Surname	Surname Type	Given Name	Page Mention/Photo	Other Surname(s)
Abshire	Birth	Maurice	228	
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Adkins	Birth	Fred	241	
Adsit	Birth	Cora Albert	100, 133	Longenecker
Aldridge	Birth	Carl	151	
Aldridge	Birth	Carla	151	
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Anderson	Birth	Paul	118	
Andrews	Birth	Caroline	231	
Andrews	Birth	F. F.	244	
Andrews	Married	Mrs. F. F.	244	
Angel	Birth	Willa	76-80	
Armstrong	Birth	Douglas	131, 139	
Armstrong	Married	Lee Virda	132, 201, 231	
Armstrong	Birth	Lonnie 'Heab'	132, 201, 239-241, 248, 252-253,	
Arrington	Married	Mrs. Talmer	213-215	
Arrington	Birth	Talmer	213-215	
Ash	Birth	Edsel	215	
Ash	Unknown	Leneora	141	
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Bachley	Married	Mrs. W. D.	97	
Bachley	Birth	W. D.	97	
Bailess	Married	Mrs. Vernie	144, 234	
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Bailey	Birth	Paul	148, 207, 245	
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Baird	Birth	Mary Leigh	53, 67, 76-77, 82-88, 89-97, 99, 109, 227, 234	
Baldwin	Birth	Bernice M.	183, 213-215	Dikeman
Baldwin	Birth	Donald 'Don'	86, 89, 91, 224, 240, 242, 245	
Baldwin	Birth	Irvin	206	
Baldwin	Unknown	Margaret	227	
Baldwin	Married	Mrs. Donald 'Don'	96, 199	
Bale	Birth	Dean	223	
Barney	Birth	Jan	252	
Barney	Married	Mrs. Oris L.	245	
Barney	Birth	Oris L.	204, 216, 240, 255-256	
Barry	Birth	Dave	154	
Barry	Unknown	Merl	64	
Barton	Married	Cleotis	231	DeGraffenreid
Barton	Birth	John	231	
Bass	Birth	Bill	207	
Bass	Birth	Kent	207	
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Bates	Birth	Kathleen	83-84, 86-87	
Baum	Married	Mrs. Nathan	92	
Baum	Birth	Nathan	92	
Bauman	Birth	G. C.	241	
Beacham	Married	Mrs. Charles F.	235	
Beams	Birth	Bob	254	
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Beddo	Birth	Bess Lee	61, 63	
Beecham	Married	Mrs C. F.	230, 245	
Beeler	Birth	Johnnie	200	
Beeler	Married	Mrs. Johnnie	200	
Bell	Birth	Don	239	
Bell	Married	Florine	231	
Bell	Married	Mrs. Don	234	
Bellman	Birth	Henry	220	
Bentley	Birth	Billy	192	
Bentley	Married	Mrs. Billy	191-193	
Berenze	Married	Karen Illsa	153	McCabe
Best	Married	Mrs. J. C.	185, 187	
Beverage	Birth	A. V.	204, 206	
Beverage	Married	Mrs. A. V	144	
Bivens	Birth	Bobbie Ann	232	Edgemon
Bivens	Birth	John	232	
Black	Birth	John	227	
Blyson	Birth	Myrtle	119, 123, 135	Cook
Boone	Birth	Albert	19	
Boone	Birth	Daniel	19	
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Boykin	Birth	Bill	243	
Boyles	Birth	C. H.	109, 127, 238	
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Brabant	Birth	Eleanor	75, 79-80, 95	
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Brack	Birth	David	63, 79-80, 82-83, 86-87, 89-92, 95, 102	
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Bradley	Birth	W. N.	256	
Brady	Birth	Edgar	63-64	
Braswell	Birth	Herman	264	
Breedlove	Unknown	Althea	61	
Bridges	Birth	Claud Russell	31	Russell
Bridges	Married	Hester	31	Whaley
Bridges	Birth	John	31	

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- <sup>145</sup> William Stanley Hall interview conducted by Polly Gayle [Knapp] Hall in Jun 2001
- <sup>146</sup> Courtesy of Heidi Renee [Hall] LaChance, 20 Apr 2024
- <sup>147</sup> Caddo County Tribune, Thu 26 Jun 1930, Page 2

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<sup>148</sup> These two items from Rubey Della Cook's scrap book. Scanned 24 Nov 1998 from originals owned by Stanley Lynn Hall, Norman, OK.

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<sup>150</sup> The Anadarko Tribune, Thu 6 Feb 1930, Page 1

<sup>151</sup> The Carnegie Herald, Wed 12 Feb 1930, Page 1

<sup>152</sup> Caddo County Tribune, Thu 13 Feb 1930, Page 1

<sup>153</sup> Caddo County Tribune, Thu 20 Mar 1930, Page 3

<sup>154</sup> Envelope mailed from Tulsa, OK and dated 19 Mar 1930 9:30 PM return address:

"2612 E. Fourth Place

Tulsa, Oklahoma" and addressed to:

"Miss Rubey Cook

Anadarko, Oklahoma.

211 W. Georgia St" Original is owned by Stanley Lynn Hall, Norman, OK.

<sup>155</sup> Caddo County Tribune, Thu 10 Apr 1930, Page 7

<sup>156</sup> 1930 US Census, Boone Township, Caddo County, Oklahoma

<sup>157</sup> From Rubey Della Cook's scrap book. This is a movie that she apparently went to at the Columbia Theater in Anadarko, OK. Other handouts are in the scrap book. This one was torn when removed from the old black page to prevent it from deteriorating further. Scanned 15 Dec 1998 by Gene Cook Hall.

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<sup>180</sup> Caddo County Tribune, Thu 10 Sep 1931, Page 5

<sup>181</sup> Caddo County Tribune, Thu 17 Sep 1931, Page 5

<sup>182</sup> Caddo County Tribune, Thu 17 Sep 1931, Page 5

<sup>183</sup> The American-Democrat, Thu 17 Sep 1931, Page 1

<sup>184</sup> The American-Democrat, Thu 8 Oct 1931, Page 2

<sup>185</sup> The Anadarko Tribune, Thu 8 Oct 1931, Page 5

<sup>186</sup> The American-Democrat, Thu 8 Oct 1931, Page 2

<sup>187</sup> The American-Democrat, Thu 22 Oct 1931, Page 5

<sup>188</sup> Caddo County Tribune, Thursday 5 Nov 1931, Page 3

<sup>189</sup> The American-Democrat, Thu 22 Oct 1931, Page 3

<sup>190</sup> Caddo County Tribune, Thu 29 Oct 1931, Page 5

<sup>191</sup> Caddo County Tribune, Thu 29 Oct 1931, Page 5

<sup>192</sup> The American-Democrat, Thu 5 Nov 1931, Page 8

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- <sup>193</sup> The American-Democrat, Thu 8 Oct 1931, page 1
- <sup>194</sup> The Anadarko Tribune Thu 29 Oct 1931, Page 1
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- <sup>196</sup> The American-Democrat, Thu 8 Oct 1931, Page 2
- <sup>197</sup> Caddo County Tribune, Thu 3 Dec 1931, Page 5
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- <sup>200</sup> Caddo County Tribune, Wed 16 Dec 1931, Page 6
- <sup>201</sup> Caddo County Tribune, Wed 30 Dec 1931, Page 3
- <sup>202</sup> The Anadarko Tribune, Wed 6 Jan 1932, Page 3
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- <sup>216</sup> Caddo County Tribune, Wed 11 May 1932 page 5
- <sup>217</sup> Caddo County Tribune, Wed 18 May 1932, Page 3
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- <sup>237</sup> Caddo County Tribune, Wed 30 Aug 1933, page 2
- <sup>238</sup> Caddo County Tribune, Wed 6 Sep 1933, Page 3
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